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Sharpton waving to supporters following a rally last year.

Sharpton sets tone for Black History Month with Colgate lecture

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Reverend Al Sharpton kicked off a Black History Month Celebration with a public lecture at Colgate University on February 5. Although he arrived two hours late due to severe weather conditions, he presented the Colgate community with vital information on police brutality and racial profiling.

Reverend Sharpton skillfully illuminated the injurious nature of racial profiling which plagues the highways, railways, and airports of America. Sharpton also expounded on several incidents of police brutality that recently gained public attention, including the Abner Lumina and the Amadou Diallo cases.

Several Hamilton college students and faculty were in attendance.

As students and faculty members filled the chapel, anxiously anticipating the arrival of Rev. Sharpton, many people fervently discussed several of Sharpton's past and present political endeavors. When Sharpton finally arrived, many people excitedly rose, embracing him with an inviting welcome. He quickly seized the stage and spoke for an hour and a half. At the climax of Sharpton's speech, Chandler Long '03 avowed, "Sharpton is one individual who is not fearful of attacking controversial issues that political figures tend to stray away from." Additionally, Sharpton energetically unearthed the state of racial profiling in New York and New Jersey, including the startling statistic that "African Americans who drive on the New Jersey Turnpike are seven times more likely than whites to be pulled over by the police." Also, Sharpton confronted the issue of police brutality and Mayor Rudolph Giuliani's influence on legitimizing police brutality in the midst of lowering crime in New York City.

After Sharpton concluded his speech, the audience bathed him in a warm standing ovation. Following his prepared remarks, Sharpton fielded questions that ranged from his opinion of President George W. Bush's cabinet appointments to Sharpton's supposed connection with the Crown Heights Riots to his controversial involvement with the Tawana Brawley case. Cecilia Odoch-Jato '02, referring to a recent article that asked, "Has Black America lost it's leader?" courageously asked Sharpton "whether this was a relevant question and how hefelt about Jesse Jackson" and the newest scandal

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Biochem professor leads effort to clone first human

by Doug Wheeler '03 and Kristin Patrick '03
SCIENCE WRITERS

The Sunday *New York Times Magazine* published an article last week about Visiting Assistant Professor of Chemistry Brigitte Boisselier's involvement with Clonaid, a corporation working to produce the first human clone. The College was caught off guard to discover that a professor was engaged in such controversial research. As a result, speculation and misinformation have been circulating the campus all week.

The French-born professor came to Hamilton with an extensive background in the subjects she was hired to teach. Boisselier earned two Ph.D.s, one in physical chemistry from the University of Dijon, France, and the other in analytical chemistry from the University of Houston, Texas. She also holds a masters degree in biochemistry. Boisselier has three patents on work she did at the French chemical company Air Liquide.

Boisselier is the author of *Science et Conscience*, a recently published book that discusses science and its role in society. She was hired last spring to temporarily replace Chemistry Professor Timothy Elgren, who is serving as Assistant Dean of Faculty for the next three years. She teaches General Chemistry, Biochemistry and Research Methods in Chemistry. Outside of her work at Hamilton, Boisselier is the scientific director of Clonaid, reported by the *New York Times* to be the first human cloning company in the world.

Clonaid was founded in 1997 by a French man formerly known as Claude Vorilhon. Vorilhon has since changed his name to Rael and became leader of the Raelian Movement, a group whose mission is to propagate the notion that human life on

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Hamilton versus the world at Model UN conference

by Lisa Widowski '01
NEWS WRITER

Fourteen members of Hamilton's Model United Nations delegation attended the largest model United Nations conference, held January 25-28, in Montreal, Canada. The McGill Model United Nations Assembly (McMUN) hosted over 1,500 college students from more than 40 colleges and universities throughout the United States and Canada. Hamilton was among the smallest colleges and one of only three NESCAC schools to send delegates.

Competing against such powerhouses as Harvard, Georgetown, and the University of Pennsylvania, Hamilton delegates were able to hold their own in a stiff field of competition. With this year's entry of Tufts and Middlebury, there are now three NESCAC schools participating at McMUN. Hamilton was previously the sole NESCAC participant. McMUN was the second conference of the academic year to which Hamilton sent a delegation; the first conference was in Washington, D.C. during the fall semester.

Model United Nations Inc. is a non-profit, educational organization founded in 1989 to provide students with the highest quality, most professionally run simulation of the United Nations available. MUN "strives to combine educational quality with highly realistic simulations of the United Nations to give students an unparalleled Model UN learning experience," according to the American Model United Nations website.

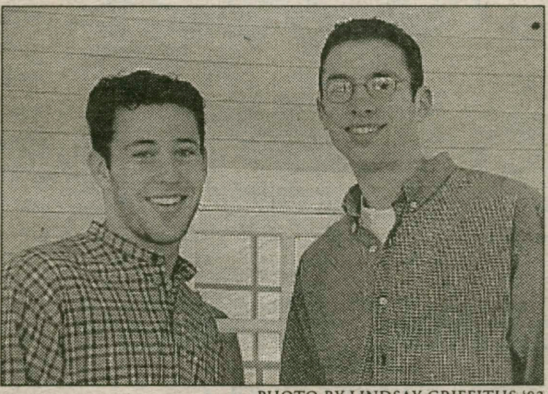

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Darren Block '01 and Ben Shuster '03, the Model UN Co-Captains.

At the McGill conference, delegates had the opportunity to engage in seventeen diverse committees in the General Assembly, Economic and Social Council, and specialized agencies, including six new committees added to the conference in 2001. Among the committees were such offerings as "World Summit against Racism," "Commission on Human Rights," and "International Criminal Court." Each college/university represented two countries, with Hamilton designated as Kenya and Paraguay.

Preparation for this kind of conference is done beforehand and typically involves a minimum of nine to ten hours of work, including researching the represented countries, committees, and issues; writing resolutions; and developing a familiarity with the prose language of parliamentary procedure.

Hamilton McMUN participants debated in a committee session from Thursday evening through Sunday, dealing with such innovative topics as "The Underworld of Bombay" and "The Fight Against Tuberculosis." During this time delegates discussed pre-determined issues on their respective committees and tried to find solutions that were both feasible and beneficial to their designated country.

Darren Block '01, co-captain of Model United Nations, served on the Disarmament and Security Issues Committee at McMUN. He noted that Model United Nations "is a unique experience for those that want to try it," and called McMUN "a great time" and the debate "fantastic." Fellow captain and "Outstanding Delegate Award" winner Ben Schuster '03 echoed

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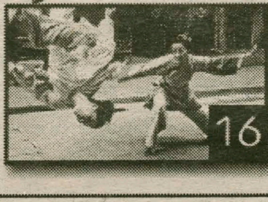

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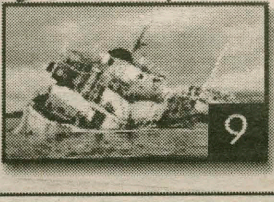

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Hamilton in New York City: A taste of the Big Apple

by Jason Rogers '02
NYC CORRESPONDENT

From the isolated environment of Clinton, NY, in which Hamilton resides, it is hard to imagine a world of towering buildings and constantly moving traffic. This spring, a group of sixteen students were selected to participate in the inaugural semester of the Hamilton in New York City Program and entrench themselves in the fast-paced atmosphere of New York.

The program gives students the chance to "live, work, and learn in the 'Global City,'" and according to its participants, it has done just that. The program's schedule includes a 32-hour-a-week internship, two classes on the alleviation of poverty and globalization, and a 30-page independent project due at the culmination of the semester.

The success of this semester's program has been left in the highly qualified hands of Hamilton's Professor of Government and Law Frank Anechiarico. A Hamilton College alum and the author of a number of essays on government policy, Anechiarico has the formidable task of running the program and teaching two classes. "Professor Anechiarico is great," says Tim Fossett '02. "He has really been helpful in getting us started in the city. In our classes he maintains the high level of quality that we all have come to expect of Hamilton. I really hope he is reading this, too."

"It's nice to be able to stroll in Central Park, or visit the Guggenheim, or see a performance at Lincoln Center."

To accommodate students, the school has leased apartments on the 25th, 30th, and 32nd floors of the Ocean Luxury Suites in front of Battery Park- a far cry from even the best rooms in Carnegie. "The apartments are beautiful and have a breath-taking view of the New York Harbor and the Statue of Liberty," says Christine Palumbo '02. "We are right in the middle of everything."

The students have easy access to the subway, a fully equipped exercise room, and an outdoor terrace opening in the spring.

New York City presents the ideal case study for examining poverty and globalization. In recent years New York has asserted itself as the cultural and financial center of the world. The city is home of the United Nations, the World Trade Center, and headquarters for the largest investment banks on the planet. It also provides an environment with evident distinctions in income distribution. With this in mind several students in the program are involved in organizations dealing with economic aid and community development in unstable areas of Manhattan and the surrounding burrows.

Five students are spending this semester working for the New York State Empowerment Zone Corporation, an organization that provides funding for businesses in struggling communities and encourages economic development. the New York City Program benefits both the students and the organizations they work with. Student participation has proved to be a valuable resource for corporations such as the Empowerment Zone.

"Hamilton College interns come at an opportune time to the New York Empowerment Zone," said June Van Brackle, director of the mayor's office of the NYEZ. "As we are entering our fifth year of operations, the interns will play vital roles in helping us to quantify how many jobs have been created and retained through our funding of projects in Upper Manhattan and the South Bronx."

Other internships this semester are with not-for-profit organizations in the New York City area such as The New York Lawyers for the Public Interest, Help U.S.A., and Big Brothers Big Sisters.

Thus far it seems that Hamilton's first venture into the New York metropolis has been a success.

"Considering this is our first semester running the program, things are much better than expected," said Professor Anechiarico. "It's exciting, something every student at Hamilton should be thinking about."

Overall, student response to the program has been positive. For most this is their first time in the "Big Apple," and they have spent a lot of free time exploring the streets and discovering all that New York has to offer.

"Besides working and studying, we have been taking advantage of being in the city," says Martha Jackson '03. "It's nice to be able to stroll in Central Park, or visit the Guggenheim, or see a performance at Lincoln Center."

Bon Appetit cooks up culinary class in Commons

by James P. Du Vernay '03
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Last Sunday, Bon Appetit welcomed ten students into the bowels of Commons Dining Hall for its second annual "Culinary Curriculum." The free class marked the first in a series of three aimed to give students a basic familiarity with cooking.

PHOTO COURTESY OF BON APPETITE
Haag stresses proper sanitation.

A diverse group of approximately ten participants, including six Hamilton students and four college staff members, attended the first session. Executive Chef Reuben Haag offered students a hands-on introduction to some culinary basics during the two-hour class. He opened the session with a review of simple and versatile boxed and canned foods that belong in any well-stocked kitchen. Haag then began a discussion of essential culinary tools for any aspiring cook before moving into the hands-on food preparation component of the class.

Participants broke into two groups and worked directly with either Haag or Sous-Chef Jeff Gordon. They worked in groups to create several fresh dishes, including lasagna, antipasta, marinated flank steaks, and chicken mustard bites. Throughout the class the chefs stressed having fun and being creative while cooking.

"If it looks good to you, then it will probably taste good to your guests as well," reassured Gordon. "Don't hesitate to try new things."

Bon Appetit's General Manager, Annmarie Rossomano, explained the reason for the series by saying, "There have been conversations with the college over the last couple years indicating that part of the educational mission is to make students well-rounded people, ready to fend for themselves."

Haag echoed the sentiment, noting, "The administration wanted something to help make students more prepared for life once they leave Hamilton."

Haag explained how the program has developed since its inception to reflect students' wants.

"Originally the idea was school-driven. It was very structured and we got little response. It's evolved into whatever participants want to learn and I think it will be much more successful."

Rossomano received 35 replies to her original email announcing the series. She expects about 25 to attend the second class, which will be held this Sunday. Rossomano sees these culinary classes as a natural extension of Bon Appetit's services.

"People seem naturally curious about cooking, and the class allows us to provide one more aspect of food service," she explained.

The majority of students, some with and some without previous cooking experience, attending the first session indicated their enjoyment and planned to come back.

Kristyne Rose '01 attended because of her difficulties in trying to cook for herself last semester. "The class was really interesting and helpful. Since I cannot cook for myself, any advice is helpful," she said.

Another student, Dan Fillius '02, has cooked and baked for a few years with his mother at home, but he still got a lot out of the class. "I was impressed with the generosity and enthusiasm of the chefs," said Fillius. "I learned at least ten good ideas that I plan on using when I entertain guests."

Even the adult participants learned some new tricks to take back to their own kitchens.

"At first it seemed more for non-cooks, very basic, " said Jennifer Potter Hayes, a staff member from the Office of Communications and Development, "but even as an experienced cook, I took away some tips and techniques I was not aware of. They covered a lot of ground."

PHOTO COURTESY OF BON APPETITE
Students cracking into a lasagna recipe.

Hayes added that she came primarily because of the interest of her 13-year-old son Cory. "He likes to cook and was particularly surprised to see the number of male cooks in the kitchen."

Rosssomano realizes how eye-opening a class like this can be. "For many students, this was their first time seeing a commercial kitchen, or even the basement of Commons."

Haag explained that workers also have benefited from the classes. "There's not a lot of interaction with customers in this business," he said. "We enjoy seeing the interest and hearing comments from visitors."

With the growing interest in television cooking shows, such as The Iron Chef and Yan Can Cook, Haag feels confident that the program will continue. "I see this becoming more of a club than a class. I'm definitely committed to it, one way or another."

Model UN performs well at competition

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Block, saying, "The team did fairly well competing against schools with delegations four times our size; we definitely held our own."

Block and Schuster are now leading a campaign to change the tenor of Model United Nations at Hamilton, including an initiative to make MUN an endowed academic club with course credit possible for participants. They are also in search of a permanent faculty advisor, with Henry Platt Bristol Professor of International Affairs Alan Cafruny currently serving as ad hoc advisor. Block stressed the importance of funding for this organization, whose members should be given "the opportunity to learn and grow educationally" without prohibitive extra costs.

Model United Nations is open to students of any class year and is currently comprised of students from a wide range of academic majors. The only unofficial prerequisite is that participants be comfortable speaking in public. MUN has plans for a Security Council Simulation at Hamilton, which would be open to the entire community and take place during the end of February or early part of March. Any student interested in learning more about how the United Nations works and functions as a body is encouraged to contact Block or Schuster.

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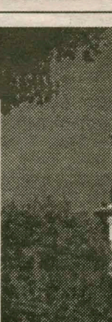


THE NEWS AT COLLEGES ACROSS THE LAND

Compiled by William Fuhrman'04

Columbine teacher could not survive

DENVER (AP) — The Columbine High School teacher killed in the nation's worst school shooting probably would not have survived even if he had gotten help sooner, two pathologists who reviewed his autopsy said.

Portions of the autopsy reports of teacher Dave Sanders and 10 students killed in the April 1999 rampage were released Wednesday under a judge's order.

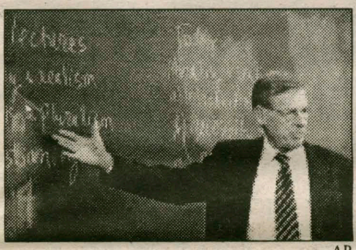
Sanders' family is suing Jefferson County Sheriff's Office for wrongful death, alleging it took authorities almost four hours to reach the science room where Sanders lay bleeding.

But pathologists who reviewed the reports for The Denver Post, which along with the Rocky Mountain News asked for the autopsies' release, said Sanders' wounds would have been fatal no matter what. One of two bullets that hit Sanders ripped his carotid artery, which supplies blood to the brain.

"A partial transection of the carotid artery is almost always fatal," said R.K. Wright, a forensic pathologist and former coroner of Broward County, Fla. "Even if someone is attended to quickly, it is still a very, very serious wound.

Teacher fights 'grade inflation'

BOSTON (AP) — Harvard University professor Harvey C. Mansfield's reputation of being a tough grader earned him the nickname "Harvey C-Minus."



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Harvard Professor Harvey Mansfield.

Now he is getting attention for his one-man stand against what he calls grade inflation.

The government professor is giving students who take his class this semester two grades: an official grade that will go on their transcripts, and a separate mark he thinks they really deserve.

"I'm trying this out as an experiment ... to address the grievous decline in academic standards at American colleges," Mansfield said.

Grade inflation started during the Vietnam War when professors gave students higher grades because those with low grades "could lose their deferment and be sent to war," Mansfield said. The practice is now based on the "notion that education must make students feel good about themselves," he said.

Mansfield is using the two-grade system in his undergraduate "History of Modern Political Philosophy" course. He said it will allow him to evaluate student performance without unfairly damaging their grade-point averages, often used by graduate schools to determine admission.

Iowa band can sing beer song again

IOWA CITY, Iowa (AP) — The University of Iowa marching band can again celebrate Hawkeye basketball victories by singing the polka song "In heaven there is no beer."

Band director L. Kevin Kastens told his musicians of the decision by e-mail Tuesday. The band members had stopped singing the song's lyrics this semester because a parent complained about the words:

"In heaven, there is no beer. That's why we drink it here. And when we're gone from here, all our friends will be drinkin' all the beer."

Tom Aunan, an Iowa City parent and teacher, questioned the appropriateness of the song, given the university and city's efforts to stem underage and binge drinking. But athletic director Bob Bowlsby called it "a real stretch" to link the song to binge drinking.

"This song is simply a standard polka which Hawkeye fans enjoy participating in after Iowa victories," Kastens' e-mail said.

Aunan declined to comment.

The issue may be reconsidered after the men's basketball season, when the Athletics Department reviews all policies. The beer song has been performed for about 20 years after victories by the Hawkeyes' football and basketball teams.

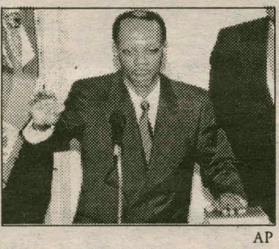
Band member Jason Peterson said the temporary ban probably made the song even more popular.

WORLD NEWS

Compiled by William Fuhrman'04

Haiti's Aristide returns to power

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP) — Returning to power as Haiti's president, Jean-Bertrand Aristide pledged to make life better for the country's poor majority and make peace with the opposition, which refuses to recognize his legitimacy.



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Aristide takes the oath of office.

After five years out of office, Aristide was inaugurated Wednesday to the beat of drums and the dancing of thousands in the streets.

"My arms are open, my heart is open with honor and respect for the Haitian people," he told a crowd of more than 10,000 people outside the National Palace during his inaugural address.

He spoke in Creole, French, Spanish and English, but the ceremony was shunned by much of the world. Countries including the United States and France declined to send delegations because of disputed legislative elections last year. The United States and the 15-nation European Union were represented only by their ambassadors.

Haiti's major opposition parties refuse to recognize Aristide as president and have named an alternative president, setting up a power struggle that threatens to bring further chaos to the impoverished Caribbean nation.

In his speech, however, Aristide reached out to the opposition, saying: "All we need to do is get along."

Sharon rejects talks after car bomb

JERUSALEM (AP) — A car bomb exploded Thursday in Jerusalem, injuring one person, sending wreckage into the air and prompting a warning from Prime Minister-elect Ariel Sharon to the Palestinians that he will not negotiate as long as such attacks continue.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the blast that went off shortly before 5 p.m. in a sidestreet of the ultra-Orthodox Jewish neighborhood of Beit Yisrael. But it came amid fears of Islamic militant attacks after Sharon's election as Israel's prime minister this week.

Speaking to reporters after the blast, Sharon said he informed Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat in a message sent earlier in the day that Israel was interested in resuming peace talks that broke off last month.

"The government I will lead will make every effort to reach peace, but the condition for starting peace talks is the cessation of terror and violence," Sharon said.

But a senior Sharon adviser said earlier that the prime minister-elect rejects a key Palestinian demand that peace talks resume at the point they stopped under Israel's previous government.

Putin wins support on parties bill

MOSCOW (AP) — Parliament gave early approval to a Kremlin-sponsored bill that sets tough rules for forming and funding political parties — provisions critics assail as state interference.

President Vladimir Putin has said the bill would promote the creation of effective political parties. Opponents contend it would push most of Russia's parties out of existence and make the rest dependent on government handouts.

"This bill on parties must be more suitably called a bill on shutting down political parties," said Oleg Shein, a lawmaker from the moderate Regions of Russia faction.

The 450-member State Duma lower house passed the bill Wednesday on its initial reading, 280-109. It must pass two more readings, the Federation Council upper house and be signed by Putin.

Under the bill, a political party must have at least 10,000 members nationwide and no fewer than 100 members in more than half of Russia's 89 provinces.

Parties that receive more than 3 percent of the vote would receive state financing. The bill would also require party officials to submit regular financial reports to the state tax service.

The bill allows some private donations, but sharply limits their size and who can give, especially foreign contributors.

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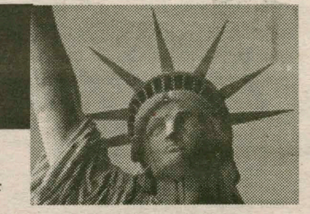

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Police study White House shooter

WASHINGTON (AP) — Police are trying to determine why a former Internal Revenue Service employee with a history of mental illness fired several shots outside the White House in a midday drama that is raising questions about security at the president's home.

The man, identified by law enforcement sources as Ro bert W. Pickett, 47, of Evansville, Ind., was shot in the leg Wednesday by a member of the Secret Service uniformed division after waving his gun at police and terrified tourists just outside the wrought-iron fence that borders the scenic South Lawn. He also put the barrel of the weapon in his mouth, U.S. Park Police spokesman Rob MacLean said.

George Washington University Hospital said in a statement Thursday that Pickett's condition was "good." His discharge date "will be determined by the treating physician and his rate of recovery," the statement said.

Pickett bought the gun from an Evansville pawn shop a year ago after passing an instant criminal background check, said David Sisson, operations manager at Casey's Pawn Shop in the city's commercial district.

Clintons return $28,000 in gifts

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former President Clinton and his wife, Sen. Hillary Rodham Clinton, have sent $28,000 worth of household goods back to Washington after questions arose over whether the items were intended as personal gifts or donations to the White House.

"We have been informed that it is being shipped back, and the National Park Service is ready to receive it, take possession of it and take custody of it," Jim McDaniel, the National Park Service's liaison to the White House, said Wednesday.

"The property is being returned to government custody until such time that the issues can be resolved. It may well turn out that that property is rightly the personal property of the Clintons."

After they were criticized for taking $190,000 worth of china, flatware, rugs, televisions, sofas and other gifts with them when they left, the Clintons announced last week that they would pay for $86,000 worth of gifts, or nearly half the amount.

Their latest decision to send back $28,000 in gifts brings to $114,000 the value of items the Clintons have either decided to pay for or return.

McDaniel discussed the matter Wednesday with Betty Monkman, the White House curator, and Gary Walters, the chief usher, or executive manager of the White House.

Space shuttle lifts with laboratory

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — Space shuttle Atlantis and its cargo, a billion-dollar science laboratory, chased after the international space station early Thursday following a spectacular sunset launch.

AP

Atlantis Mission specialists.

"We wish you luck as you deliver the heart and soul of the international space station — and have fun," launch director Mike Leinbach told Atlantis' five astronauts.

The setting sun and a rising full moon made for a dramatic send-off Wednesday of NASA's $1.4 billion Destiny laboratory module, the most expensive piece of the space station. Atlantis' exhaust trail was transformed into a beautiful gold and peach, and cast a rainbow-like shadow that seemed to stretch all the way to the moon.

"Awesome," said senior space station scientist Roger Crouch. "That's got to be an omen for how great this thing will be."

The space station, Alpha, was soaring over the North Atlantic east of Newfoundland when Atlantis took off at 6:13 p.m. The shuttle and its crew should catch up to the station Friday and install the Destiny laboratory on Saturday. Three spacewalks will be needed during the week the shuttle is docked to the station to make all the lab connections.

Judges finally lock up the Lockerbie trial

by Mithat Yaltir '03
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On December 21, 1988, Pan American Airlines Flight 103 took off from Heathrow Airport in London. After less than an hour in the air, the Boeing 747 exploded over Lockerbie, Scotland. The crash killed all 259 passengers, most of whom were Americans. Eleven people on the ground were also killed. The victim list included Syracuse University students returning from study abroad.

Two Libyans accused of bombing the Pan Am 103 were arrested. On December 31, 2001, after 13 years, a Scottish court situated in Camp Zeist, Netherlands found Ali Mohmed Al Megrahi, 48, guilty of murder. He will serve a life sentence in Scotland. The other defendant, Al Amin Khalifa Fhimah, 44, was found not guilty and returned to Libya. If Megrahi wishes to appeal the sentence, he must do it within two weeks.

Although the trial is over, some questions remain unanswered. When the officials started their investigation, Iran and Syria were on the top of the suspect list. Besides the rumors about these two countries supporting international terrorism, two incidents led to suspicions.

Six months before the bombing, an Iranian airbus crashed, killing 290 Iranian Muslims. Investigators later learned that the plane was actually shot down by a ground-to-air missile launched from the American ship, the USS Vincennes. Iran made it clear that the deaths would be avenged.

Two months before the Lockerbie incident, German police arrested a group of Palestinian terrorists based in Syria with a Toshiba cassette recorder containing a bomb. To the investigators it looked like Iran had the will and Syria had the means.

By November 1991 investigators now believed that the arrest of Palestinian terrorists in Germany forced the bomb to be sent to Libya. The British House of Commons issued arrest warrants for two Libyan suspects in the Lockerbie bombing, however the Libyan government refused to send the two suspect to stand trial.

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Rev. Thomas A. Davenport places a candle on the Wall of Remembrance during a"Moment of Reflection and Remembrance at the Conclusion of the Pan Am Flight 103 Trial."

As a response, in 1992 the UN banned arms sales and air traffic in and out of Libya. Later, oil was added to the list of sanctions. Finally, in April 1999 Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Gadhafi's agreed to send the two suspects to trial. The UN suspended the sanctions.

Following the official arrests of the suspects, the Lockerbie Trial began on May 3, 2000. In their published decision last week, the judges declared "There is nothing in the evidence which leaves us with any reasonable doubt as to the guilt of the first accused."

Although relatives and friends of the victims at least know the person responsible for the bombing wll be punished, for many it does not relieve the pain. Syracuse University's website best describes the feelings of people who lost a loved one. "No decision can make up for this tragedy and for what it has done to so many people. Ours is not to render judgment of guilt or innocence but rather to continue what we begun more than a decade ago. And that is to help those in need-the families and friends of the bombing victims as they deal with the aftermath of Pan Am 103."

Ninth Annual Men of Color Conference

PRESS RELEASE

Clinton, N.Y. - "The Ninth Annual Men of Color Conference" will take place on Saturday, Feb. 10 from 9 a.m. - 6 p.m. in the Fillius Events Barn. The conference will feature a keynote address, "Issues Facing Men of Color in America Today: Are We Making Significant Progress?" by Arthur E. Paris, associate professor of sociology, Syracuse University. The event is free and open to the public, however, those planning to attend the luncheon are asked to contact Aurelius Henderson in advance.

Paris' current works focus on the changing U.S. Urban landscape and the place of non-white populations within these metropolises. He has published numerous articles, essays, and reviews in *The Review of Black Political Economy, Journal of Ethnic Studies, Socialist Review* and *The New Statesman* among others. His research interests included Black and Latin popular music and culture as well as market development and public policy in the Computing and Telecom industries.

In addition to Paris' talk, the participants, from New York colleges and universities, will attend workshops by Hamilton professors Philip Klinkner, Michael "Doc" Woods and Mark Cryer.

Conference organizer Aurelius Henderson, who is Hamilton's Program Counselor for the Higher Education Opportunity Program (HEOP), says the goal of this conference is to further motivate young men of color.

Sponsors of the day-long activities include: Office of the President; Dean of the Faculty; The Arthur Levitt Public Affairs Center; Office of Student Activities; Office of Multicultural Affairs; Kirkland Project; Office of the Dean of Students; Departments of History, Sociology, Government and Economics; Black and Latin Student Union; La Vanguardia; Asian Cultural Society; West Indian and African Association; and the International Student Association.

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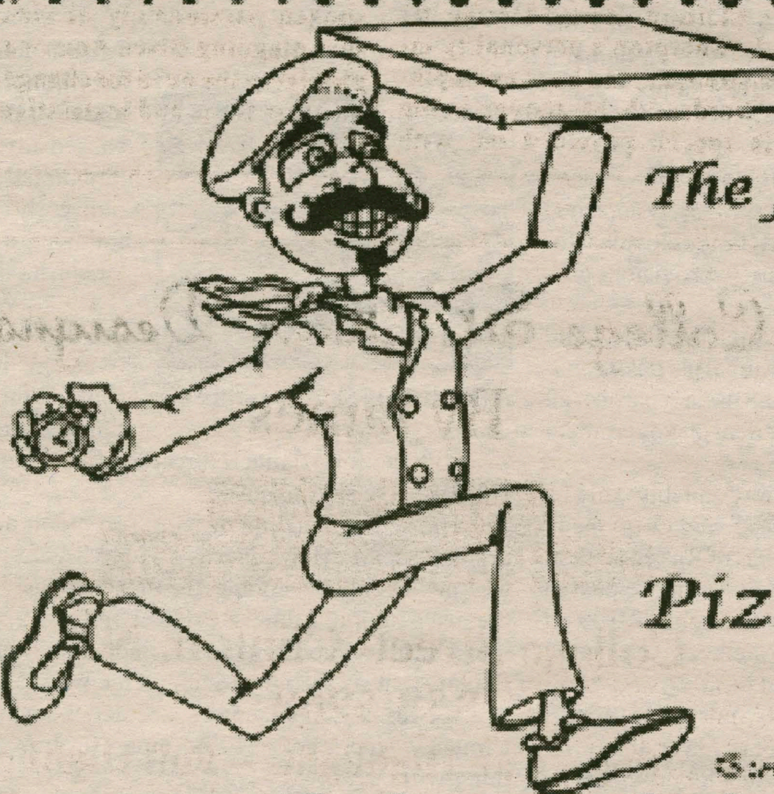

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Editorial

Another week has passed and we have again witnessed a display of stupidity and hate on campus. In the wake of the writings on Koert Wehberg's door, we are left wondering yet again about the place in which we live.

The reality is that almost everyone here finds any form of discrimination disgusting. Few people in our community live without making a conscious effort to give due respect to all of humankind. Yet the acts of a few sick people garner a disproportionate amount of our attention.

When faced with such grotesque acts, the healthiest response we can give as a cohesive body is to focus on the strengths of our community, the moral foundations on which most base our lives. We need to recognize that the most morally weak and ignorant people among us target the strongest members of our community, those men and women who face challenges most of us can't even imagine.

Pointing the finger at unknown villains, placing blame on a certain demographic, or deferring blame to the administration will only, in the long term, bring about unnecessary conflict. Our primary goal should be to gain understanding among ourselves through discussion.

We should convert our anger and frustration into fuel for growth. A defeatist attitude will deprive us of any hope for a strong and united community.

Through individuals' discussions our community can become stronger. A pervasive tone of respect and understanding is growing on the Hill, and we must ensure that the drive of the majority of our community cannot be curtailed by acts of hate performed by a very small minority. We need to seize every opportunity to open communication between different groups and individuals on campus.

The long term product of thoughtful, respected discussion will be a more open community, a community in which the perpetrators of hatred will recognize their own insignificance.

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Letters to the Editor

Thank you for providing such an accurate account of the late night Jitney experience in the February 2 issue of The Spectator. I really think it made the campus more aware of the problem.

It was my turn to drive the late night Jitney rotating shift on Friday night, and I noticed a huge change. People were so much more friendly, polite, and appreciative, which helped make my five-hour shift pleasant. I really had fun meeting people and driving them up and down the hill in the snow. Nights like last Friday make me realize that it is worth giving up a weekend night several times each semester to provide the service to students. In fact, I enjoyed it so much last week that I eagerly agreed to take another driver's late night shift next Friday night.

I hope this new respect for the drivers continues and that I have as much fun driving in the future during my nights of great tunes, drunk people, and sightseeing in downtown Clinton.

Thanks again.
Niki Barron '02

I find it really appalling that the "solution" to the jitney problem is to get a second jitney on weekends. It reinforces the idea that if you're a big enough a**hole, you can get what you want in this world. Hamilton students are being "verbally abusive" because they don't want to wait the 5-10 minutes for the next jitney, and so we decide to appease these verbally abusive students by providing them with a second jitney. I mean after all, not only do students DESERVE a ride to the bars and back, but they also DESERVE to be picked up immediately.

I think that if any student is harassing a jitney driver, they should be refused service for the night. Let them walk up the hill or call one of their friends or a taxi to take them home. And although it is great that Hamilton is providing a way to curb drunk driving, ultimately it is the students' responsibility to avoid drunk driving and not Hamilton's.

I'm not surprised in the least that students jitney drivers do not want to sign up for those shifts, even if it is only once a month. I could see offering a second jitney if overcrowding seemed to be a problem throughout the night and not just at 2 a.m. when the bars close.

Emily Melhorn
Class of 2001

Sharpton speaks at start of Black History Month

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he is involved in.

Concluding the question period, Sharpton left the stage and signed books, shook hands, and addressed final questions. Keturah Brown '04 left the lecture feeling empowered and inspired. The words of Sharpton, Brown declared were "not only inspiring and educational but illustrated the significance of self-affirmation, thereby disallowing others to define me."

In addition, Joanne Merine '03 stated, "Sharpton's personality invokes strength, and he is an implacable wordsmith. Moreover, going to his speech provided me with alternatives for dealing with the current racial climate on Hamilton's campus."

In the midst of recent racial incidents on Hamilton's campus, Sharpton's words have the potential to serve as a beacon of light for the community. Ayanna Scoon '03, encapsulates the significance of Sharpton's address, stating, "While the topic was specifically about racial profiling and police brutality, Reverend Al Sharpton spoken passionately of many issues plaguing Black America, emphasizing the need for change both on grass roots and legislative levels."

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Insights & Ideas

Embracing Relationships

SETH O'BRYAN

To my reader, I wrote this article before reading about the recent harassment and the mass emails following. I thought about writing an article with my own thoughts on the issue, but choose not to. Regardless, I have strong feelings on the issue and I think awareness of ignorance and prejudice on this campus is an issue not to be ignored. It is something to think about every single day of the year, because it exists every day in many ways that most people are blind to. On that note, this is what I wrote last Sunday.

Before I know it, another week will be gone but in the meantime I'm sure some crazy things will happen, some new memories will be created and some learning experiences will occur. It's amazing how much can happen in one week here, more so how much can happen in one weekend, for that matter.

Tonight I want to write about forgiveness and relationships. Normally I try and write about Hamilton issues, but tonight there are deep emotions within me wanting to be let free. Besides, we are all human and therefore full of experiences with relationships, friendships, mistakes, and forgiveness. But at Hamilton, these topics are kept for our private lives and so sometimes from the outside everyone can appear so businesslike here.

However, inside each person's life in the Hamilton community, there is a web of relationships and emotions that only those closest to us ever really get to see or understand.

Even though when we normally hear the word "relationship" we think of a romantic relationship, our lives are full of a variety of relationships from romantic relationships to friendships to business relationships to passing acquaintances to teammates and on and on.

There are moments in our lives where we have to sit down, think about just how many people are close to us and important to us and appreciate the friendships and bonds we have made while also remembering all the great memories.

Time passes by so fast that sometimes we are caught up in the present day, causing us to forget to take the time to appreciate everything that's happened

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Campus Urination: Provocative Insight

DAVE BUSCAGLIA

We continually speak today of awareness and education as a means of preventing acts deemed detrimental to the community. Well, today we encounter yet another problem - allow me introduce to you Campus Urination.

Although this subject may be sensitive and somewhat humorous in its own regard, I assure you that the flood of implications caused by this natural bodily function are not to be taken lightly.

Have you ever opened your door in the morning only to be awaken by the rancid aroma left by a noct-urinator? Have you ever made the "Walk of Shame" to the laundry room because you soiled the sheets? This problem does affect us all, and I believe that with a proper investigation and analysis we can put an end to this embarrassing act and dam this pollutant filled stream that taints our campus.

We begin our search for truth and justice by examining the role that gender plays when one chooses an alternative to the facilities. Obviously, men have the advantage when faced with immediate relief, and this often leads to the hydration of plants and trees outside of a party.

However, with winter upon us, snow becomes an issue, and at a recent Bundy party there was a steady flow of male partygoers practicing their penmanship outside. Aside from the talent of these creative men, signing your John Hancock in the snow instantly secured their guilt. Some time ago, one unhappy custodian of the Dunham dormitory testified after cleaning up a puddle from an errant urinator, "Some one has to stop them...who do they think they are a bunch of dogs marking their territory?"

Finally, I was witness to, but unscathed from, a recent drive-by urination where the assailant in question most assuredly had to have been a male and packing some serious ammunition.

Believing that women are at a disadvantage and are less likely to blame when disputing the issues of urinary saturation on campus could not be farther from the truth. A cocktail party last fall at the Rogers Estate witnessed several acrobatic female evacuations over the side of the porch.

Says the bizarrely dressed senior ringleader; "I am from Arizona, so it's normal for me to associate the flow of human nature with the great outdoors." During former parties in the North Court social space, the bushes just outside provided a sheltered alternative for frustrated females when faced with high bathroom volume and a relentless urge.

"It was a nightly event," confirms a female flock, "We would go out for a cigarette and a squat." The most dynamic performance of urinary delinquency by a female literally trickled down a stairwell and onto an unsuspecting group below. This hoser was obviously a professional, as she struck from three stories above.

Perhaps gender analysis of campus urination does not provide clear insight to the reservoir from which the problem streams. Non-Facility Relief (N.F.R.) has almost become commonplace at several locations campus-wide, including the swimming facilities.

Last I checked, there was a "P" in the Bristol Swimming Pool and indeed we found plenty of that after a Swim team practice. Says one contaminator, "We're a close team, and our chemistry is what holds us together." Apparently, this year's squad has become so tight that the pool monitors have had to work overtime trying to regulate the higher than normal pH levels.

Additionally, the residents of Bundy have adopted the concept of a two-in-one morning shower. This innovative activity allows students to take advantage of the convenience of clean water from the spout by tainting it with a yellow hue, a golden shower if you will.

These blatant and conscious acts of indecency should not be tolerated in the least, and we, the civil and housebroken members of the community, must start by setting the example.

But what about those unconscious acts of urinary deviance where the guilty party simply loses total control of his or her bodily functions? Earlier in the year, one birthday boy had a superstar night painting the town completely yellow. In mid-celebration of his coming-of-age, this hoser lost control of his bladder (while standing up mind you) as an eye-opened crowd of nonbelievers looked on.

After being made aware of his soggy spectacle, he replied, "How about another drink?" Seeing this close friend in obvious distress, a caring senior girl reached out and helped this lad back to her downtown apartment to seek refuge, however she woke the next day to a soiled sofa.

This hose down, although unintended, was not the only time someone was forced to Febreze furniture as a direct result of someone else's sleeping habits. Last year, a then senior girl, found her way to a second floor double in Carnegie, when in actuality she lived two floors above.

Once there, she made a mess on an antique couch, woke before the two male residents, and quietly slipped out the door. When asked about the whole ordeal, the shy and somewhat bizarre senior ironically answered, "*It pisses me off.*"

So where does this leave us in terms of curbing this appalling and embarrassing habit that plagues our campus? I do not believe that one solution exists under the circumstances - of course we could reduce fluid intake and perhaps provide more facilities on campus; but the truth of the matter is we, the people, are the solution.

So Hamilton, I ask of you - whenever you encounter somebody making reference to "racehorses" or wherever you see a crowded, dark alley stand up to these urinary miscreants and put an end to their "Free Pee" parade. Together we can restore order and help the facility-challenged, and remember - employees aren't the only ones who need to wash their hands.

Thumbs Up

- JT's sultry picture on the Hamilton College website
- G Love's highly anticipated Feb Fest performance
- 100 days until graduation
- Watching those pesky Flemish basketball players scrap during a hotly contested European Championship match
- "Sorority Girls Gone Wild" two-pack video

Thumbs Down

- Snow on Horner's car
- Relentless gas produced by Feb Fest's chili cook-off
- Pimpin' at the N310 brothel
- Gamma Xi's weekend party monopoly, because we really know what those are like...
- Losing a basketball game, a football game, and your girlfriend to Boston College

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A free market will solve America's energy problems

DR. ANDREW BERNSTEIN

In the past twelve months American consumers have experienced two-dollar-per-gallon gasoline prices, heating oil shortages and "rolling blackouts" in California.

Predictably, many politicians and commentators blame the "greed" of U.S. oil and power companies for the energy shortages.

The truth is that shortages occur when demand exceeds supply, and that the American supply of energy is being strangled by the policies of U.S. federal and state governments.

President Bush and Secretary of the Interior nominee Gale Norton favor lifting current environmental restrictions that prevent oil drilling in Alaska's National Wildlife Refuge (ANWR).

If they follow through on this, it will be a great boon to American consumers. Geologists claim that ANWR holds seven billion barrels, enabling it to add significantly to American energy production.

Senator Frank Murkowski of Alaska, chairman of the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources, states that "ANWR could produce oil for decades, adding as much as $325 billion to the U.S. economy and reducing imports by well over one million barrels per day."

If Bush and Norton are serious, their go-ahead to domestic producers will result in a much-needed increased supply of oil-based products to American consumers.

But the new administration should not stop there. The United States also possesses large deposits of oil offshore on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS).

The OCS is an area that stretches 200 miles out from the Atlantic, Pacific and Gulf coasts. Half the oil in the OCS, particularly off the California coast, is in areas that are currently closed by environmental restrictions.

Opening these areas to development will also result in an increased supply of domestic oil and lower consumer prices.

Environmental restrictions also limit production of natural gas, which currently supplies 25 percent of the energy Americans consume, a figure that will rise in the future.

As one example, producers in Wyoming's Powder River Basin have seen the federal government suspend the issuing of drilling permits pending the outcome of a second environmental study.

Powder River holds 39 trillion cubic feet of gas, which could be used to generate heat and electricity for many years, but the government's environmental restrictions severely limit production.

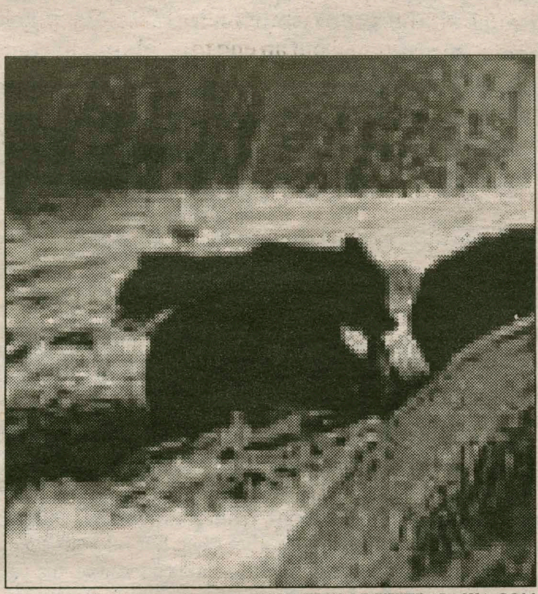
The current electricity shortage in California is another example of the way in which environmentalists handcuff the U.S. energy industry.

For example, the biomass power industry, which burns waste from forest timber to produce electricity, has been crippled by lawsuits from environmentalist organizations. The Honey Lake biomass plant was shut down last year because of litigation originated by the San Francisco-based Earth Island Institute against the U.S. Forest Service.

Because of the lawsuit, the Forest Service suspended the logging operations that provided the biomass company with its fuel source. Prior to the shutdown, the 20 biomass companies in California could have collectively generated 600 megawatts of electricity per year. Further, California has not built a major power plant in 15 years.

The reason is that any attempt must endure years of costly lawsuits from environmentalist groups. The Diablo Canyon nuclear station, finally completed in 1985, had its building costs increased twelve-fold, from $500 million to $6 billion.

Nuclear plants, despite their unparalleled safety record in the United States, are a favorite target, but hydroelectric plants are also attacked because they require construction of dams, and coal plants because they are considered too dirty.



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Proposed drilling in Alaska poses a threat to wildlife in the area.

The United States is a country rich in both energy sources and the technology necessary to develop them. But the policies of our own government are preventing such development from occurring.

America needs to learn from the bitter experience of England. Last century, a popular expression "taking coals to Newcastle" (a center of English coal production) was coined to indicate the absurdity of taking a product to a place that was plentiful in it.

But in the late 1940s, when the British government nationalized the coal industry, shortages and rationing resulted, and taking coal to Newcastle became a grim reality.

Similarly, the United States today, with its enormous supplies of oil, natural gas, timber and other energy sources, is suffering shortages and high prices because of restrictions imposed by our government.

If the U.S. government establishes freedom in the energy industry by removing environmental restrictions, we will witness a significant increase in domestic production of oil, natural gas and electricity. This will do more than increase supply and lower prices for American customers.

It could herald a new commitment by the U.S. government to economic freedom and capitalism. The relative freedom of the computer industry has led to an explosion of innovativeness and productivity. The same freedom in the energy industry will lead to the same result.

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Embracing

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people I love and carry with me in my heart every day of my life.

It fascinates me to think that every person at Hamilton, from fellow students to professors to career center employees to each sphere and corner of our college, has his or her own personal life full of relationships, memories, mistakes, dreams, hopes, and joys.

Right now I think of all the emotion and bonds that truly exist within this small college and to me it's incredible and powerful. In writing this article, I dream to tap into the emotion of each possible reader out there, making him or her consider how they relate to those around them.

If I tap into one memory or relationship each person has, I find an overwhelming inspiration to live to dream to write. There are so many stories and emotions here in our world.

We have so many emotions, which allow us to form these intense relationships. However, that intensity sometimes causes us to hurt each other. In order to protect ourselves we form wallsto hide our deepest emotions so that we are not exposed all the time or hurt too much.

We need to have the strength to survive in this tough and dangerous world, so it is only with those people that we really trust that we let ourselves go. It is at that moment that the greatest danger exists because we are so exposed.

One mistake can take advantage of that vulnerability and really hurt us. The problem is no matter how sensitive, perceptive, or understanding we can be, we are always going to make mistakes and at some point do something to hurt even our closest friend.

Sometimes it's not even that someone makes a mistake as much as there is a miscommunication that occurs between two people that really care about each other. Miscommunication can lead to disaster between even the greatest of friends.

Sometimes it really overwhelms me how many times it becomes progressively harder to express one's emotions in a calm and honest manner. Often our own hurt controls what we say.

So it is the case that great friendships are formed and great relationships take place, but as spontaneously as they can happen, it is possible for conflict and hurt. The more we care about someone, the easier it is for him or her to hurt us.

And so it is in this world in which we live where we must take risks when we open our hearts to the people we care about most. All these words ring deep within my heart for I know there are some people in this world I have truly hurt.

We all make mistakes, and I have made my share. I have hurt the people most important to me, I have been unfair, I have been selfish, I have been cruel. I guess it's part of human nature.

Somehow, we must not only seek forgiveness from those people, but we also must forgive ourselves, and sometimes that is the hardest part.

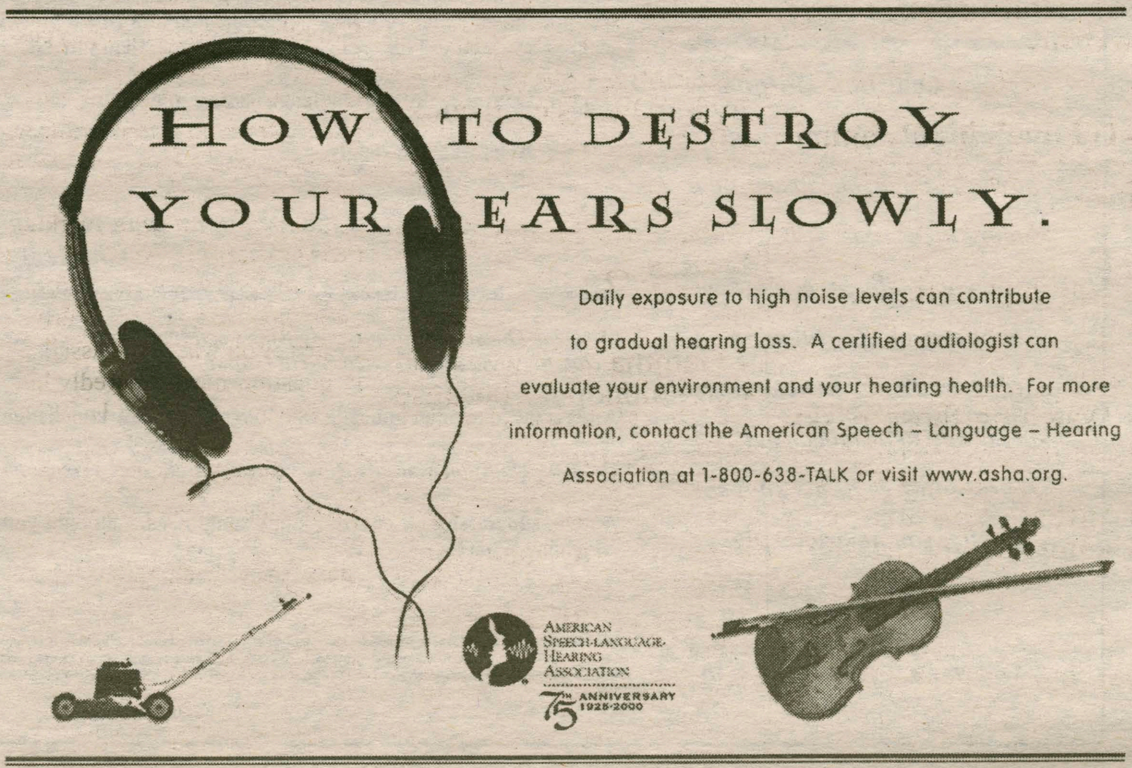
So, as your weekend begins, don't be afraid of your own emotion. Embrace the relationships and friendships you have. True friendship will last forever, and with those friends, you will never be alone.

But sometimes it's hard to realize how much the people around us care about us. And if you have any painful memories or struggling friendships, do not be afraid to find the forgiveness within yourself for the other person.

For the mistakes you may make, do not be afraid to forgive yourself. While Valentine's Day is right around the corner, I wish you luck finding that special person, and if you already have him or her, congratulations.

Valentine's Day can be a really great day when you are with someone you really care about.

Embrace your soul.



Procrastination: one man's curse

TOM KEANE

Some would say that the "American Way" is actually just "learning the hard way". We're definitely a better country than we were in 1776.

Why? Because we picked things up along the way. We have assembled ideas and learned lessons throughout the years. We know now that every time Britain goes to war, we'll end up bailing them out, and we know that both the Miss America Pageant and professional wrestling are rigged.

Now, consider for a moment: Vietnam, the Pet Rock, Billy Ray Cyrus, Crystal Clear Pepsi, and the Annex. They are all either mistakes or embarrassments. The best we can do is hope that history has taught us a lesson.

However, many lessons have to be learned the hard way. Examples include the New Kids on the Block versus N'SYNC, and the Bush family in the White House.

The way we learn individually is very similar to the manner in which we advance as a nation. Every child knows that the electrical socket is not a paperclip holder, and that most kittens cannot fly.

Unfortunately, many of these lessons are learned the hard way (just ask "Mittens"). Learning the hard way usually involves some sort of negative consequence.

An aversion to this torment is what prevents us from committing the same transgression.

Here's the sad part: some lessons are never learned at all. I'm not talking about learning how to set the clock on the VCR, or learning how to tap dance. I'm talking about learning not to procrastinate. The best example that I can think of is this article. It was originally supposed to be about hard alcohol at the Little Pub.

However, due completely to my own procrastination, I was unable to get in contact with as many sources as I needed to.

It could have been a very interesting article, but instead, because of procrastination, it's kind of mediocre. Honestly, I wouldn't even be surprised if there were typeo's and grammar mistakes. Now that I think about it, did I spell my last name correctly?

I procrastinate from the time I hit the snooze button in the morning until I stay up way too late doing homework. It's now February, and I still haven't written my thank you notes from Christmas.

If I did everything I had to do when I was supposed to do it, I'd never miss the Simpsons, and I wouldn't be late for half of the things that I am now. The worst part is that I know I'm not the only one.

Think about all the friends from home that you were going to e-mail. How many people on this campus start their papers the day before they are due?

By some standards, they're the ones getting an early start. It blows my mind to think that some students have the time to take their papers to the Writing Center.

Surely, we could do away with the library's all night reading room if people stopped procrastinating. No one is studying until 4:30am on the night that the professor assigns the project. We're not even learning this one the hard way. I know we've suffered enough, now it's time for the payoff of a lesson learned.

So, you ask, why don't we learn? Why do we continue to make the same mistake that we've been making our whole lives? I don't know. There's not a soul on this earth that does. Maybe we're just slow.

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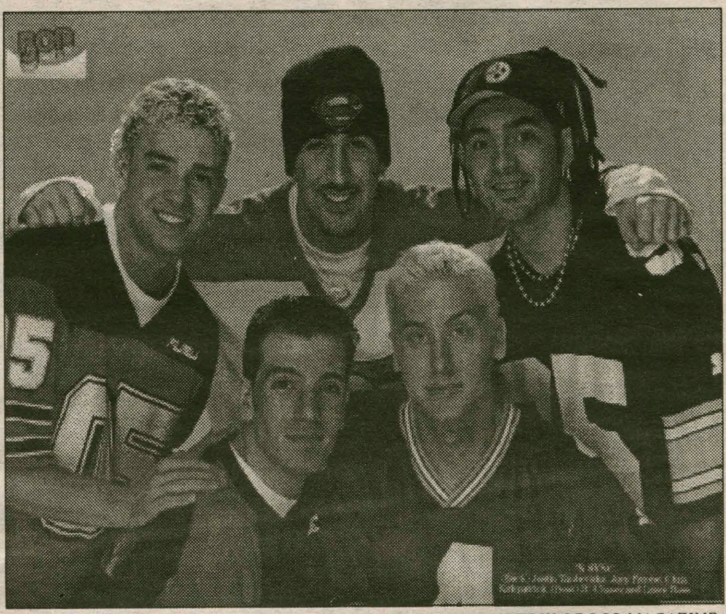

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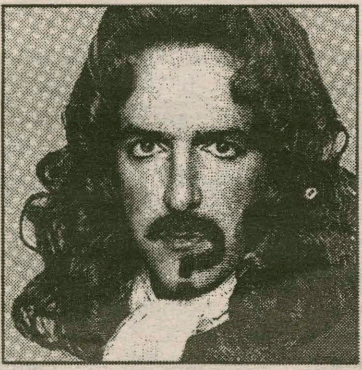

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Ask the Question Marquis

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: My girlfriend seems distant lately. And I can't get her to take off her sunglasses. I wonder if she's seeing someone else. What should I say to her? – Paul in Dallas*

A: Ah, mon ami. I think I can help you with this. Your female is probably feeling that you spend more time with the library than with her delicate, sensuous frame. (I am making the assumptions about her, but for your sake, I hope that I am right, you know?) But you are having many of the research papers, correct? So you have two options to send you on the path toward a satisfactory loving scenario.

Option 1. When you are writing the research papers, you can save time by going to questia.com. Listen, this is brand new. You can skip all of the tedious working, because the full text of the books and journal articles is all online. Search for the keywords, highlight the text. Also, you are not going to believe this, but if you want to quote something, you just click a button and Questia puts it in your paper, footnotes it, and *formats the bibliography automatically.* And right now you can get two days* of Questia free. So try it. When your girlfriend sees how much better your papers become and how much more time you have for her, she will be looking at you with her naked eyes that seem to say, "Hallo. I like you. Much, much more than I like pâté de fois gras," or whatever it is these girls like now.

Option 2. You can challenge her to a duel.

Also, what are sunglasses?

"It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel."

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: My friend sent me this photo. I don't get it. Is it a joke, or is it some deeper commentary on the effect of technology on culture? – Cosmo in Grand Rapids*

A: It is the joke of an imbecile who longs to have my knowledge and looks. Challenge the pig to a duel.

Q: *Dear Question Marquis: How come you know about computers and dot.coms, but you've never heard of sunglasses? – Michelle in Boston*

A: Oh, sunglasses. Of course I know sunglasses. I thought you said "St. Molasses." I am not familiar with that one. The patron saint of sorghum? What?

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The Science pages

Oil spill threatens Galapagos Islands

by Yina Luo '03
SCIENCE WRITER

Ever since the oil tanker *Jessica* ran aground off the coast of Ecuador on January 16, the news media and environmentalists worldwide have feared the worst for one of the planet's most sacred ecosystems, the Galapagos Islands.

The vessel, owned by the Ecuadorian petrochemical company Acotramar, was carrying 160,000 gallons of diesel to be delivered to the fuel dispatch station on Baltra Island, plus 80,000 gallons of bunker fuel (IFO) to be used to fuel the tourism vessel *Galapagos Explorer*. When the ship first ran aground on a coral reef near Port Baquerizo Moreno on San Cristobal, the easternmost island in the chain, no spill was produced.

The Ecuadorian Navy and the Direction of the Galapagos National Park took action to prevent any spilling while the vessel was being towed to harbor. Floating barriers had been placed around the ship to prevent any dispersion of fuel in case of a spill.

However, the vessel listed to 25 degrees after two days. This situation, along with a mistake made by the crew of the ship, caused a spill of the bunker fuel, which was being evacuated in a joint maneuver of the Ecuadorian Navy and Petroecuador, the Ecuadorian state-owned oil company. Efforts to evacuate the fuel from the vessel were hampered by Petroecuador, which was more interested in rescuing the fuel than in preventing an ecological disaster reminiscent of the Exxon Valdez in Alaska.

To make matters worse, a new bunker spill was detected around the vessel on January 19. This new spill of approximately 2,000 gallons was caused by either a fissure in one of the vessel's bunker fuel tanks (representing about 25% of the fuel contained in the ship) or a faulty valve in the ship's piping system. The bunker spill increased considerably during the next hours.

On January 20 the Galapagos National Park Service and the Charles Darwin Foundation began an effort to collect fuel disseminated on the water, rescue at-risk wildlife like pelicans, sea lions and the extremely rare blue-footed booby, and build corrals to keep animals at bay during the emergency. U.S. oil spill experts also arrived to provide assistance.

Despite these containment efforts, more than 170,000 gallons had leaked into the Pacific by January 24. Oil reached Santa Fe Island, which lies 37 miles west of San Cristobal and is the home of large colonies of sea lions and marine iguanas.

Robert Bensted-Smith, director of the Charles Darwin Research Station, told the Associated Press that an undetermined number of sea urchins and seaweed inhabiting the coast of San Cristobal had died. In the long-term scientists fear that the fuel will sink to the ocean floor, destroying algae that is at the base of the area's complex food web. Since algae are the ecosystem's primary producers, which means that they use sunlight to produce energy, the spill could indirectly threaten marine iguanas, sharks and birds that feed on fish.

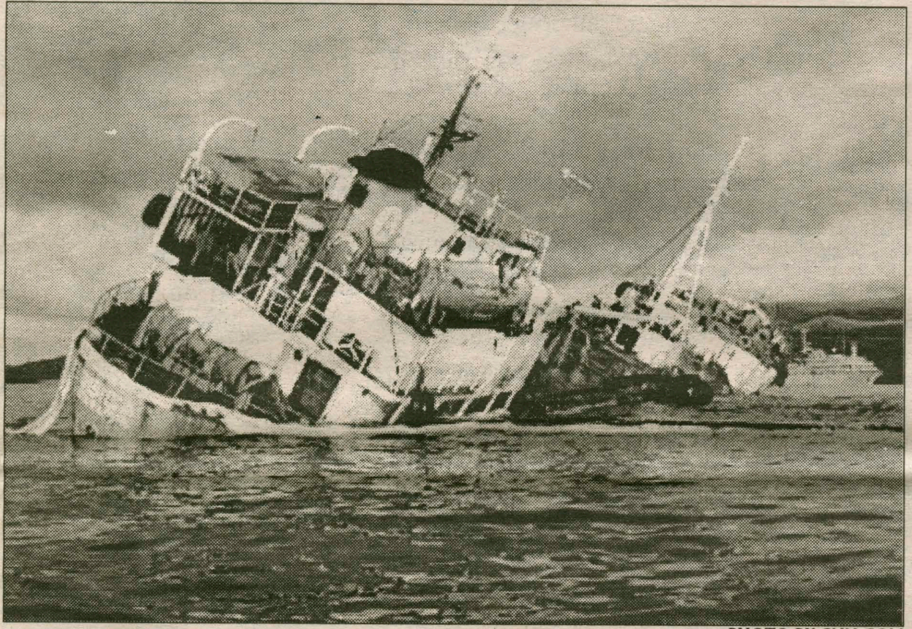
Located 600 miles west of Ecuador, the Galapagos Islands are one of the most well known natural wonders in the world. British naturalist Charles Darwin toured the archipelago in 1835 and eventually proposed the theory of natural selection, which underpins all of evolutionary biology. Many people know the phrase "survival of the fittest," but few realize that it is merely a soundbite taken from one of the most powerful ideas in all of science.

The isolation of the Galapagos archipelago has created a natural laboratory for investigators of evolution. For marine scientists the islands are especially fascinating because they lie at the confluence of major ocean currents: tropical warm waters from the north, deep up-welling currents from the west, and cold Antarctic waters from the south.

These last two bring in nutrients that cause plankton to grow and support a rich and diverse marine life. Inland the terrain is volcanic and largely barren, but the tropical climate supports vast numbers of birds and other animals that depend on healthy sea life.

Since the seas around the Galapagos support much of its ecosystem, the consequences of the oil spill are likely to be far-reaching. Along the shores and shallow waters, life exists as a thin veneer on the volcanic rock. Seaweed and corals can be smothered, depriving organisms like crabs, mollusks, and sea urchins of a necessary food supply, or these animals may be simply poisoned by eating food tainted with the oil. The low numbers of some species make the area especially vulnerable. For example, there are only 400 pairs of the Galapagos lava gull.

This oil spill has imposed yet another burden on an already stressed, delicate environment. Fishermen are currently fighting with the government and conservation groups about legal fishing grounds and catch limits off Ecuador's coast. While parts of the eastern Galapagos will feel the effects of the spill for years to come, many environmental organizations agree that the disaster could have turned out much worse. The organizations have already worked to preserve the unique Galapagos environment.



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The crippled tanker *Jessica* ran aground off the eastern-most island in the Galapagos archipelago last month. It is unsure how much damage the oil spill will cause to a biologically sacred place.

COMMENTARY

by Patrick Reynolds
PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

From research conducted since the 1989 *Exxon Valdez* oil spill in Prince William Sound, Alaska, we know that rocky habitats recover more quickly than soft mud habitats, and much of the Galapagos is volcanic rock. Sandy shores and mud flats, and sea-floor sediments, retain oil longer than rocky shores, and so provide a continuing source of toxins to the system.

Corals are different again because of the colonial "stony" form that is slow-growing, very sensitive to disturbance, and provides the basis for a whole ecosystem; the Galapagos corals, which are not large reefs but do include some endemic species, may be severely affected.

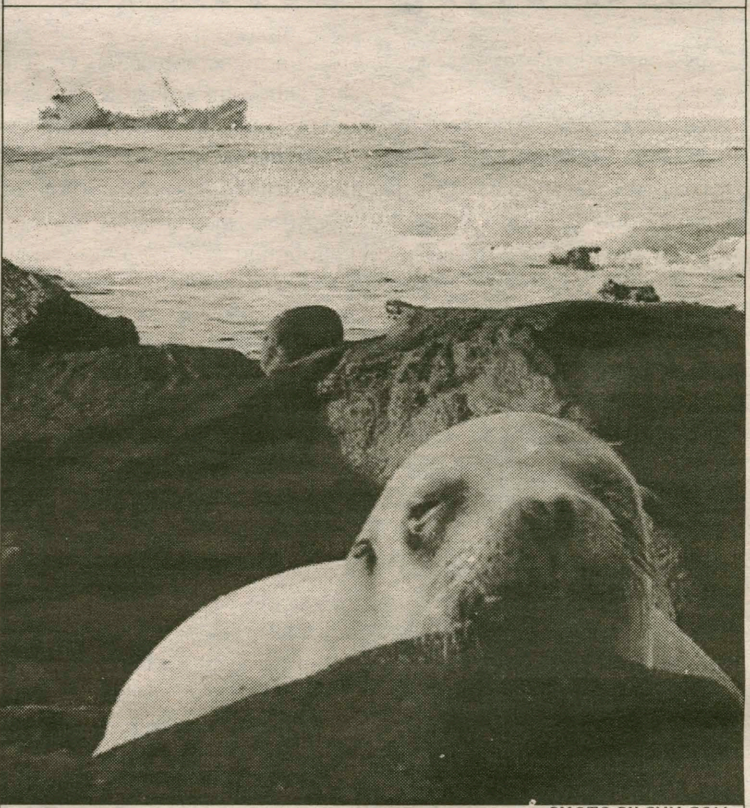
While acute effects -- like the initial mass (~50%) mortality of sea otters in Alaska -- will affect all plants and animals, it is those organisms that have with longer generation times, are higher in the food chain, and have limited dispersal that will be affected the longest and most severely. For example, seaweed and clam populations will likely recover in a year or two (with juveniles quickly migrating in from elsewhere), but sea otters, bald eagles, and other bird populations are still suppressed in Prince William Sound years after the *Exxon Valdez* event.

In the Galapagos there are additional issues of rare, historically and scientifically significant, and culturally iconic animals like the blue-footed booby, the unique marine iguana, and the giant tortoise which have avoided major acute effects, thanks to the luck of the wind and currents. But these populations may experience chronic effects for some time to come, as consequences of the spill slowly move up the food chain and other indirect effects make themselves felt through the ecosystem.

There is hope that these effects will be minimal, as the nature of the product spilled and the high turnover of the water masses around the archipelago will reduce residence time of the oil. But ultimately the long-term effects are somewhat unpredictable, as peculiarities to the Galapagos ecosystem express themselves in its response to the trauma.

Our collective treatment of ecologically sensitive areas, whether at a national or international level, is characterized by a constant battle between opposing caretaker and exploitation philosophies -- as demonstrated by the presidential campaign issue over Alaskan oil, recent political fights over President Bush's Interior and EPA appointments, and lessons from previous oil spills that better enhance our response than our ability to avoid such potential disasters.

And, of course, our response never fully recovers what is lost. It seems that unless profit motive and other market demands on these sites are diminished, by decree or management, it isn't likely that the ecological importance of such sites can compete in the political arena.



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Depleted uranium and Gulf War Syndrome

by Dathalinn O'Dea '03
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

The deaths of 24 NATO peacekeeping soldiers and the high incident of illness reported among both troops and civilians involved in the Balkan conflict has sparked concern about potential health threats associated with the use of depleted uranium (DU). In response to a request from veterans groups, environmental agencies, and Iraq, the World Health Organization announced in late January that it would launch an investigation into the effects of depleted uranium from weapons used in the Gulf War, Bosnia, and Kosovo.

Since the inception of the US nuclear weapons program in the mid-1940s, the military has retained hundreds of thousands of tons of DU. Because of its radioactivity, depleted uranium is very expensive to store, and the military sought a way in the 1970s to utilize a hazardous yet potentially lucrative resource.

Driven partly by a desire to reduce storage costs, the military in 1978 began to produce and test weaponry that used depleted uranium's unique properties. Military researchers found that DU was a more effective and less expensive alternative to other munitions metals, such as tungsten. Despite the tactical advantage, increases in health problems among Gulf War veterans and, most recently, the death of several Italian soldiers from leukemia, has led to speculation of a connection between DU weaponry and serious health hazards.

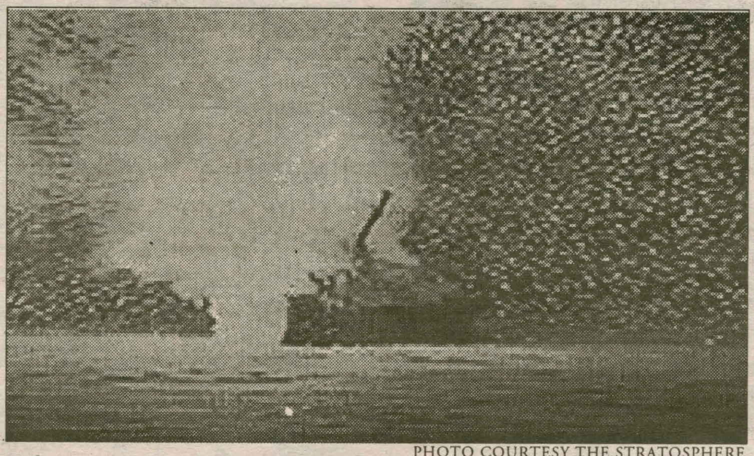
But what exactly is depleted uranium, and why does it pose a threat to human health? It exists in the air that we breath, the water we drink, and the soil in which our food is grown; roughly ninety micrograms of DU, an admittedly radioactive and hazardous element, circulates through our bodies, innocuous and undetected.

Why, then, do we not see a negative impact on health? The effects of DU are dependent on the amount that enters the body. At low doses nearly 90% of the substance is usually removed by the kidneys within three days of ingestion; however, exposure to radiation emitted from the substance is capable of doing severe, irreversible damage.

130,000 reported cases of Gulf War Syndrome, and DU may be the culprit.

Natural uranium exists in veins underground and emits radioactive energy that is detectable by Geiger counters. When prospectors detect a uranium vein, miners remove the ore, transport it to a milling site and remove impurities, leaving a pure, concentrated element.

Natural uranium is commonly referred to in the nuclear industry as "yellow-cake," and it undergoes a gaseous diffusion process to remove as much of the high-level radioactive isotope (U-235) as possible. A standard sample of "yellow-cake" uranium is comprised of roughly two percent of the highly radioactive U-235 isotope and 98% of the low-level radioactive U-238 isotope.



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A depleted uranium shell rips into a tank. Heat and pressure from impact burn U-238 into particles that can be inhaled by soldiers, possibly leading to cancer.

The gaseous diffusion process successfully removes all but 0.2% of the radioactive isotope, leaving behind U-238, now known as depleted uranium because it has been depleted of about half of its radioactivity.

The highly radioactive U-235 byproduct is often used in nuclear fuel rods and nuclear weapons; a different fate awaits the depleted uranium. In the late 1970s, DU weaponry, specifically armor-piercing ammunitions sheathed in the material, proved both inexpensive and more effective than alternative munitions metals. Several countries also use DU weapons.

DU became valuable for its ability to penetrate tank armor; its high density (it is 1.7 times as dense as lead) and pyrophoricity (ability to burn) made it an excellent choice for use in a special class of armor-piercing ammunition. In some senses, DU weaponry is an "unconventional" conventional munition.

The only other metal as heavy as DU is tungsten, but tungsten munitions are more expensive and less effective than DU weaponry. Estimates say that the US fired 18 thousand DU rounds in Bosnia and 31 thousand in Kosovo. The health issue, however, has not been resolved, and the military appears intent on using DU, several reports say.

The route of ingestion, dose, and magnitude of exposure, as well as the location of embedded fragments, influence the extent of both chemical and radiological effects. DU exposure affects not only soldiers involved in active combat, but also those responsible for transporting DU weaponry and civilians who return to DU-contaminated areas.

Sufficient DU exposure is toxic to humans, as is the case with other heavy metals. DU burns on impact into uranium oxides; this results in air containing dust particles of DU that are small enough to be ingested and inhaled by humans. Over time, DU within the body can interact with biological molecules and soft tissues, such as the lung, liver, and muscle, potentially causing lung and bone cancer and kidney disease, in addition to negatively impacting reproductive capabilities.

Like other radioactive compounds, DU has a half-life of 4.5 billion years, roughly the age of the earth, leaving it ample time to contaminate air, water, and soil.

Until recently US political and military leaders have largely ignored warnings of DU's human and environmental health risks and have repeatedly denied the harmful effects of the munitions' low-level radiation. Debate continues about the possible connection of DU to Gulf War Syndrome. Some 130,000 cases of Gulf War Syndrome have been reported since 1991.

Internationally, the UN Commission on Human Rights continues to study the effects of DU exposure and urges a curb in the production and proliferation of DU weaponry. Until more evidence is compiled with regard to impact of depleted uranium on human physiology and the environment, however, the US has strongly rejected proposals to forfeit this effective, inexpensive yet deadly weaponry.

Cloning efforts underway

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earth originated from the genetic experiments of an extra-terrestrial race. The group claims to have a membership of 55,000 in over 85 countries.

Teaming up with a group of investors, the Raelians established Clonaid with the intention of cloning a human. According to statements on the Raelian webpage, Clonaid hopes to use cloning technology to "enable mankind to reach eternal life."

Since 1997, when Scottish researchers successfully cloned the first mammal, ethicists have debated whether biotechnology has outpaced society's ability to perform such science responsibly. The College has yet to publicly release any statement regarding the *New York Times Magazine* article. The Spectator's inquiries were directed to Mike Debraggio, head of public relations for the College.

When asked for Hamilton's position on Boisselier's controversial off-campus endeavors, Debraggio said the College is concerned primarily with a professor's academic freedom, not with ethical objections to contentious research.

"In higher education you either believe in academic freedom or you don't," he said. "We are not in the business of telling people how to think. It is not our job as an educational institution to tell people their opinions."

Debraggio further emphasized that Boisselier is here to teach chemistry, and that the College is concerned strictly with her teaching. Professor George Shields, chair of the chemistry department, told *The Spectator*, "My only concern is her teaching."

"We hired her to teach chemistry," said President Eugene M. Tobin. "As long as she fulfills her duties, we will treat her as we would any member of our faculty. I don't think it's our function in an academic setting to judge someone on bases that are not related to performance."

Though it is not the administration's place to question Boisselier's research, the *New York Times* article came unexpectedly. Shields, a member of the committee responsible for hiring Boisselier, said, "It took me by surprise that she [is] the scientific director of Clonaid."

Tobin also said, "At the time we hired her, we knew nothing of her affiliation with Clonaid."

Boisselier granted *The Spectator* an interview to explore her personal background, her interest in Clonaid, and the prospect of human cloning. Boisselier has been with Clonaid since its inception in 1997. The company made no major progress in the pursuit of cloning a human until the summer of 2000. According to the *New York Times Magazine* article, Boisselier was contacted by a couple seeking to clone their deceased ten-month-old daughter. The couple carried with them the belief that their baby's genes were destined to be expressed.

By September an agreement had been reached and the family offered to fund the project. Three months later, Clonaid had purchased the laboratory equipment for this project and was in the process of configuring their facilities. According to Boisselier, the team of Clonaid scientists, which includes a biologist, a geneticist, and a part-time obstetrician-gynecologist, began manipulation of human cells last week. In a procedure similar to that used to create Dolly the sheep, these cells will be implanted in the uterus of a surrogate mother.

Prior to working with human cells, the Clonaid staff practiced their cloning techniques on cow and pig eggs. Stressing the importance of these preliminary procedures, Boisselier said, "I want them [Clonaid researchers] to concentrate on that part before doing any implantation."

Clonaid currently has at its disposal 52 surrogate mothers, 15 of whom reside in North America. Additionally, Boisselier said that there are many Asian women who have unofficially volunteered to carry a cloned fetus. When asked about the status of the project, Boisselier commented, "Everything is going smoothly." Boisselier hopes that the Clonaid team will achieve a successful clone soon but acknowledges that it may take as long as two years.

Though news of Boisselier's involvement with Clonaid came as a surprise to the College, Boisselier assured *The Spectator*, "At the time of my hiring, I wasn't involved [with Clonaid] more than seeking funding. I wasn't hiding anything."

Though Boisselier continues her commitment to Clonaid's mission, she maintains her responsibility as a Hamilton professor.

"I elected to stay here and do what I was hired to do because I deeply want to educate," she said. "I could make a living going to Clonaid now, but it is really my choice to be here. My goal has always been to be an educator and a teacher, so that's what I want to do."

Ultimately, Boisselier's comments on her affiliation with Clonaid were commensurate with those of the Hamilton administration.

"This is my private life," she said. "I don't think it's part of the teaching."

For years the concept of human cloning has been met with a host of ethical questions. Boisselier is no stranger to the implications of her work. Despite cloning's prominence in the news media, Boisselier contends that "society is not educated on the issue of cloning."

When asked to elaborate on how human cloning could benefit society, Boisselier told The Spectator that cloning could help humans understand more about themselves.

Moreover, Boisselier looks to cloning as a means of helping couples that cannot conceive, such as infertile or homosexual couples. She acknowledges that regulation of human cloning is important, but she criticizes legislation intended to limit cloning experimentation.

"The debate should never be 'stop it' or 'ban it,' she said. "That is a primitive way to treat science."

Boisselier has been contacted by Public Radio International, *Time Magazine*, and the CBS Network. She expects to be on CBS's *60 Minutes* later this month.

Valentines 2001

Welcome to *The Spectator*'s special Valentine's Day section.

The female editors have gone above and beyond the call of journalistic duty to bring you the cutest couples, the most eligible co-eds, and what your classmates really think about love and sex before this most romantic of days. (Okay, let's be honest, we had a ton of fun doing this section, especially while the rest of the staff was left to worry about pet dog-cloning chemistry professors.) I even asked the fifth grader I babysit for his take on Valentine's Day.

"That's easy. I can sum it up in one word: scream," says Patrick, my babysitting charge, and his friend Colin, who are kicking my butt during a heated game of Magic. I've managed to distract them from the world of mana and Mogg Dungeon long enough to tell me what they'd do if they received a special Valentine card from someone at school. At St. Mary's in Clinton, students are required to give cards to everyone in their class. "That would be totally gross," Colin added, "because that would mean she REALLY loves you." Guys, I thought, I know a couple of 21-year-olds who would agree with you.

A wise editor once wrote (well, wise is relative in my book. If you can build a good mana pool *and* retain the flanking on your Hurloon Minotaur, you're wise by me) that dating and romance are dead on this campus. Our culture of late-night knocks on dorm room doors and the hook-up-now-decide-later phenomenon, he wrote, are the sad remnants of the days when Hamilton men courted Clinton women only with their fathers' permission and hands stayed at their sides.

Buddha, the polls have proven you wrong. Romance is most certainly alive and well on this campus. Judging from more than 200 replies to our email survey, your predecessors are very interested in who's together and who's shopping around. One wants a friend named most eligible bachlorette because "she has the looks AND a personality" and another dubbed a couple "cutest" because "he hasn't even cheated on her." If that's not romantic, I don't know what is. Others nominated recently-broken-up couples for the singles category, especially tasteful. Still others nominated men for the female category, a move that brought me back to the third-grade playground.

What are my plans for Valentine's Day, you ask? I'm babysitting for Patrick, so his parents can have a well-deserved dinner together. We'll play a little hockey outside before it gets dark, then head down to the Subway in town, his favorite place for dinner. Turkey and provolone, please. And I wouldn't have my night any other way.

Happy Valentine's Day, Hamilton.

– Cristen Sargent

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First-years tell all: V Day receives mixed reviews

by Celine Geiger '04
FEATURES WRITER

Valentine's Day. It's rare that one holiday can evoke such passionate emotion from both ends. We either count down the days until February 14 or curse at the world for creating such a sham. For those of us who are single, it's just another cruel reminder that we are all alone. For those involved in relationships, it's a special day to get and receive gifts, to not be criticized for PDA, to gush to friends. "Valentine's Day is the day my parents met on a blind date 30 years ago, so for that I'm thankful," Justin Ginsberg '04 says. "It's a day to love and cherish those who have made an impact on your life, those who have touched you in some way, and give thanks to them for all they have done," Jonathan Murphy '04 claims.

James Douglass '04 disagrees: "Valentine's Day is a generic, corporation-induced holiday created by Hallmark and the company that makes those candy hearts that say things like 'email me!'"

Is it just a marketing plot created by corporations, or does it actually mean something? Is it a special day to spend with that special someone? "For some reason," Jared Gentile '04 says, "I re-

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A festive storefront in downtown Clinton.

Why guys and girls can't be friends

by Lauren Reynolds '03
SENIOR SPORTS EDITOR

Every year, Valentine's Day raises certain debates – reservations at the Hook or the Pub, red roses or pink, whether guys and girls can be friends or not. Obviously, the Pub and red roses are where its at, but the last concern is not as simple.

Think back to senior year of high school. You're rejoicing because you finally got into college and your parents decided to leave the house to you on prom weekend. Things can't get better, right? Then you leave for Clinton, the Jeep filled to the brim, parents in tow, and a high school sweetheart 150 miles away. You think everything will be fine because, hey, you've survived the perils of high school. A few harmless college friends of the opposite sex can't change that, right? Wrong. There is no such thing as a purely platonic friendship at Hamilton. Look around you right now. Do you see guys and girls intermingling? At McEwen, over ninety percent of the tables are single sex. Commons is reminiscent of a middle school dance – everyone's dressed up. but they just don't know what to say with each other. Sporting events, concerts, plays – all segregated. Call it the When Harry Met Sally complex – the

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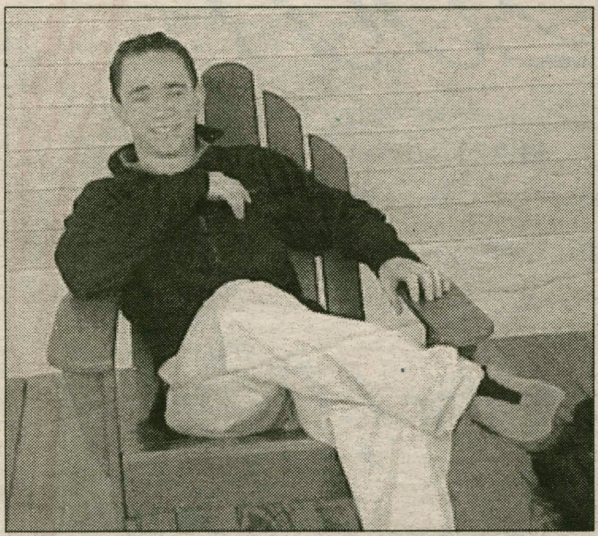
The Spectator's

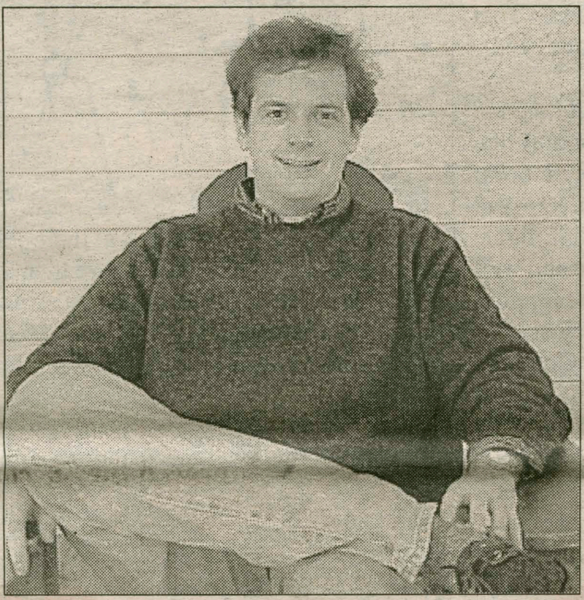
The Guys



Anne Hemmings '03 says her friend Dan Hilton '03 was nominated because he's "fabulous, that's the bottom line!"

Candace Baptiste '03 and Sylika Camacho '03 say their friends are "sick" to nominate them for our poll. Naw, we just think their friends were right.

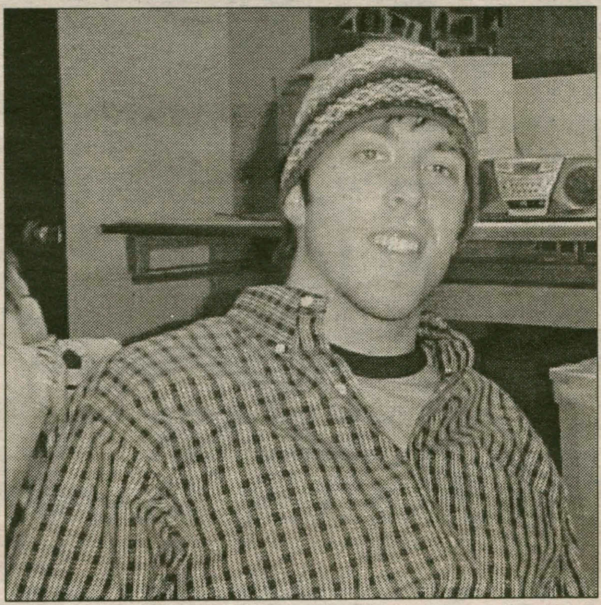
Says Hunter Kurtz '01 of his win, "I am left speechless by this great honor."



Jeff Odland '03 and Megan Swertlow '04 barely made it to our photo shoot because they are both sick, together. Aww.

There is another side to Brenden Ferretti '01 that most people don't get to see. Good thing we got it on camera.

We took an informal poll at *The Spectator* and found that J.P. Le Blanc '01 is sexy, dead sexy. It looks like the campus agrees.



Valentine Poll

Who are Hamilton's cutest couples and most eligible guys and girls?

We asked, and you responded in overwhelming numbers.

Who would have guessed that more than 200 people had an opinion? Here's what you told us.

The Couples

Sam Brown '01 and Beth Vogel '01 have "no idea" why their friends nominated them. Just looking at them together gives away the answer! They are making dinner together this Valentine's Day.

The Gals

If you'd like to meet Alison Lin '03, you can find her at the Vagina Monologues and the Dar Williams concert next Wednesday.

Kelly Riddell '02 graced the *Spectator* staff Thursday night with her most eligible presence.

Convinced her friends conspired to get her elected, Catherine Kwan '03 is looking forward to Valentine's Day.

The History of Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is based on an ancient Roman fertility rite called Lupercalia. This was a day of honor for the god Lupercus, whom Romans believed protected their city from savage wolves. It was a springtime festival celebrated on February 15 (in the old Roman calendar, the month of February fell during spring). During the festival young men would draw the names of eligible women in the city from an urn. The couples would be paired as sweethearts for the year, until the next Lupercalia festival. The tradition of drawing names continued into the Middle Ages. Often, the young man would wear the name of his Valentine on his sleeve and shower her with tokens of affection.

As Christianity grew, the celebration became closely associated with the patron saint of love, St. Valentine. There is speculation as to which Valentine the holiday is named after. Some believe it is a tribute to a priest named Valentine who, during the reign of Emperor Claudius, was jailed for secretly marrying couples. At the time, Claudius believed that men who were married would rather stay with their wives than fight wars, so marriage was outlawed. Valentine defied Claudius and died in jail for his devotion to love.

Another story is that the holiday honors a Valentine jailed in 3rd century A.D. for helping Christians. While in prison, he fell in love with a jailer's daughter and cured her blindness. He was executed on February 14, 289 A.D. In 496, Pope Gelasius combined all the stories and declared February 14th Valentine's Day in honor of St. Valentine. The spring festival was then changed from February 15th to February 14th, and honored St. Valentine instead of Lupercus. Some information was gathered from www.holidays.net/amore/story.html and www.altreligion.about.com for this story.

Harry, Sally and Lauren Reynolds

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belief that two relatively attractive people cannot become good friends without at least one of the parties wanting a little somethin' somethin'. It starts off innocently enough. Freshman year, everyone is really ambitious and you try to get to know as many people as possible. Chances are you hit it off during orientation bonding over Bingo or are really impressed by the person's ability to cover Dave Matthews songs at the Talent Show. Whatever the situation, you think, "Score! Someone I can call when I'm wasted!"

But seriously, you're pretty psyched because you remember that guy/girl you were really close to in high school and think that it will be the same situation. That someone who was there to laugh at you when you wiped out in front of the entire school at the first student assembly or who ran your campaign for "Most Gullible" of the senior class. Someone that listened to you when you were angry at the world and knew just what to do when you were upset. So you're pretty happy.

Then the weekend comes, and you meet up with your new best friend at a Bundy party. Maybe you just got into a fight with your sweetheart, or maybe you realize that high school and college are two very different places. You don't know if it's the Utica Clubs you've been packing or those hot 70s clothes that you bought fifth-hand at the Salvation Army a few hours ago, but something's different about tonight. You take your guy/girl aside and inform them that a) the dress that even your mom was too cool to wear back in the day looks really hot on them and that b) you're really drunk (I'm still not sure how that really works, but it seems to be a foolproof line). The next morning you wake up with a black "X" smudged on your cheek from sleeping on your hand, a massive headache, a strong desire for McDonalds, and a sinking feeling in your stomach that your "best friend" is the one snoring next to you in the bed.

You learn your lesson, you move on. You meet other guys or girls – I mean, Hamilton is not that small, is it? Sophomore year you give the "just friends" thing another shot. You think that the guy you saw in line for the shower looks really nice or the girl down the hall is really smart. In either case, you're not overwhelmingly attracted to them and think that this could be the friendship that you're looking for. But Bundy singles are too tempting, and after a year of bunk beds and North quads, you appreciate the fact that you can actually lock your door. Another pseudo-platonic friendship bites the dust.

By junior year you start making comments like, "I just don't feel like hooking up anymore," and, "I don't go home with people I wouldn't talk to sober." The past two years have taught you that chances are, if someone invites you to come over and watch a movie, they probably have more than a strong affinity for *Titanic*. You start realizing that anyone you have any desire to hook up with has probably dated two of your best friends and at least one of the people you live with. This is when true friendship blossoms at Hamilton – when basically, you are so thoroughly disgusted by the other person's hook-ups that you couldn't possibly imagine getting together.

Senior year you tire of the walk of shame. You realize that everyone isn't suddenly cuter on Thursday nights, that the lighting at the VT just sucks. You busy yourself by looking for jobs, looking for apartments, and somewhere in the mix you realize that the freshmen may be the most mature ones on campus. (That or you are rationalizing dating a pledge.) So whose fault is this? I mean, someone has to be blamed.

Personally, I blame Hollywood for making movies like *My Best Friend's Wedding, Boys and Girls* and *You've Got Mail*. These movies only encourage the belief that guys and girls can never be best friends and tell us that "sex changes everything." Does it have to? Can we overcome these gender barriers? This is my challenge to you, Hamilton: on Valentines Day, look past the carnations and those little candies that say clever things like "Fax me" and find a friend. And then hook up with them on Saturday night.

Quintessential botanical gifts

At the Flower Box in Park Row, downtown Clinton, owner Bradley Zacek expects to sell over 2,000 roses this Feb. 14. "Valentines Day is always crazy," he said. "Singly, this is our biggest holiday. Everyone will want their flowers Wednesday on their way home from work." Several of Zacek's friends and family take the day off from their regular jobs to help him at the shop. A single rose goes for $5.25, a half dozen boxed $40.00, and a dozen boxed $65.00. The Flower Box delivers to the Hill and throughout Utica and New Hartford. "Over 80 percent of our customers are guys. They're cool – sometimes the line in the store can be 10 people deep, but they just wait," Zacek said. The Flower Box will stay open till 8 p.m. on the 13th and till 9 p.m. on Valentine's Day. "Men and women both, whoever tells you they don't like getting flowers, they're kidding you. Everyone loves getting flowers." In addition to the traditional rose, which Zacek will carry in seven different colors, the store sells plush teddy bears, balloons, cards, and candy. "If you want to be original and different," he suggests, "pick gerbera daisies. They're absolutely beautiful." And what about keeping these floral delights alive? "Follow the exact instructions on the card that comes with your flowers. If you get roses, make sure you change the water every day. Water that sits for more than a day is the biggest culprit in early flower death."

Feb. 14 brings opportunities for first-years

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member enjoying Valentine's Day a lot more when you got valentines from everybody in your class." Has it all come down to an exclusive holiday that only couples can share? "Valentine's Day can be fun even if you don't have a significant other," Diana Wolovnick '04 claims. "It's just a good day to spend time with friends and be nice to each other. So what if you don't have a boyfriend or girlfriend?" Mary Ryan '04 agrees: "Just be sure to send a card to your mom!" Jane K. Simmons, representative for the Yodaprom Committee, explains, "Any holiday which enables us to benefit from anyone's romantic insecurities by acting them out on stage and exposing their vulnerabilities is a fine holiday indeed." Could it be that the romantic insecurities are what we fear the most about Valentine's Day? Maybe we all need to just relax and enjoy the day for what it is: a chance for the simple expression of affection. "It's the perfect opportunity to express your secret undying love for someone," Jess Kovacs '04 says. On the other hand, do we really need to be told what day to spend with them? If we really care about someone, we shouldn't have to feel the need to buy them presents and take them out to dinner just because we're "supposed" to. "I think it's a day when you feel obligated to get someone you like something when you should do that anyway, not on a specific day," Rob Parker '04 says. Emily Backman '04 shares a similar opinion: "I don't really care for Valentine's Day. Why should we have just one day to express our feelings for each other? I would just rather be nice year round." But amid the red cellophane hearts, teddy bears, and dozens of roses, Valentine's Day does symbolize something: love. It might be a little cheesy, but think about it: on this campus alone, there are enemies, selfishness, prejudice, and acts of hate all around us. "I think we forget how powerful love is much too frequently," Carly Capitula '04 says. "It's really just a time for us to tell the ones we love just how much they mean to us, even though that's something we should do everyday." So, maybe we do need a day like Valentine's Day, if only to show some good will and respect. Grab your best friend, boyfriend, neighbor, professor, or that person you always see but never talk to. Tell them that you're glad you have them in your life. As Katie Poulin '04 reminds us, "There's only one true happiness in life: to love and be loved." Because whether or not we buy into the commercial aspect of this controversial holiday, or believe in what it stands for, we can believe in that.

Features

Green on Black History Month: "Each one, teach one"

by Jessica Atcheson '03
FEATURES WRITER

February is Black History Month. It is a month devoted to highlighting the contributions and achievements that black people have made to this country and to history, achievements and contributions that have long been ignored. Hamilton celebrates Black History Month with a number of multi-cultural events that recognize and honor the accomplishments of and the integral part something that should be celebrated and recognized every day of the year, not only that black people play in our history, but we are at the same time reminded that black history is in February.

Black History Month was established in 1926 by Dr. Carter G. Woodson, a pioneer in the study of black history and the founder of what is now the Association for the Study of Afro-American Life and History. Born to parents who were former slaves, Woodson was disturbed by the lack of recognition of black people in the nation's written history that he found in his studies. When he found them mentioned at all it was in terms of the inferior position that society imposed upon them.

Woodson recognized, however, that as Dean Karen Green, Assistant Dean of Students and Director of Multicultural Affairs, puts it, "Black history is America's history." Originally created as "Negro History Week," Woodson created an annual celebration and recognition of black history spanning the second week in February, which marked the birthdays of two prominent figures in black history, Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln. The week was aimed at highlighting the contributions of black people to America's history, and since 1976, it has grown into Black History Month, extending to the whole month of February.

February is also in the present day an appropriate time for Black History Month, considering the multitude of significant events in black history that February marks. February marks the passing of the Fifteenth Amendment, which granted black people the right to vote, in 1870, as well as the founding of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the famous civil rights sit-in at a Woolworth's lunch counter in Greensboro, North Carolina, in 1960, and Malcolm X's assassination in 1965.

The accomplishments of black people in our country's history however, of course, goes so far beyond that, spanning the whole year to degrees many are not aware of. Black History Month is an attempt to widen everyone's knowledge of such accomplishments. For example, did you know that in 1972, only seven years after the end of the Civil War, Charlotte E. Ray became the first African American female lawyer in the United States? Did you know that Hiram R. Revels was sworn in as the first black United States Senator in 1870? Did you know that in 1927, Leontyne Price, an African American who lived to be one of the world's greatest opera singers and a recipient of the Presidential Medal of Freedom in 1964, was born?

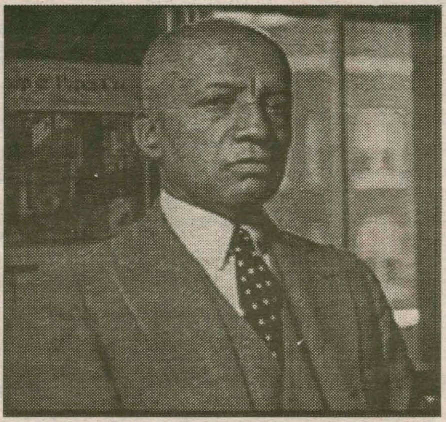
"We really need to be doing more. We will be better to each other if we know each other."

In light of relatively recent campus debate regarding issues of race and discrimination, February as Black History Month seems to take on a whole new significance and importance. As Green, tells us, it shows that we "really need to be doing more." Green, who mentions the fact that February is the shortest month of the year, challenges everyone to move beyond knowing people as their racial identities, to move beyond the level of hello and get to know one another on a deeper personal level - "We will be better to each other if we know each other." She also asserts that black history should be recognized and celebrated "every day, every month." If we do this and we follow her call of "Each one, teach one," there is valuable opportunity learn more about each other beyond racial differences.

This February affords a number of occasions to do this and to learn more about the rich and abundant black history that is integral to our country's history. As events are taking place across the country, Hamilton is celebrating with a number of activities. The Black and Latin Student Union sponsored showings of the film Amistad, which took place Sat. Feb. 3, at 7 p.m., and Sun. Feb. 4, at 9 p.m., in KJ's Red Pit. There will be a jazz flutist performing with Urban Delight, the campus student poetry group, on a special Jazz in the Pub night, Feb. 21. There are also a number of performing arts events taking place that Michelle Reiser-Memmer, performing arts administrator, planned in accordance with Black History Month, including pianist Awadagin Pratt on Sat. Feb. 10 at 8 p.m. in Wellin Hall, and WOFA, Percussion and Dance from Guinea, West Africa, on Friday, February 16, at 8 p.m., also in Wellin Hall.

Activities are also taking place off the Hill. The Media Coordinator of Utica College, Kelly Adams, tells us, "Although we will be hosting two prominent African-American writers in addition to the activities hosted by various individual student organizations on campus, the College tries not to over-hype the month of February alone. We celebrate black heritage with activities year-round." Utica College will host to lectures of Jackie Warren Moore and Arthur Flowers in celebration of Black History Month.

Black History Month is an opportunity to highlight and celebrate the integral part that black history plays in our country's history and to recognize the multitude of achievements of black individuals that have been ignored in the past. It is a starting point. It also provides an opportunity to bring it a step further and continue to do this throughout the year; to move beyond surface knowledge and to bring it into our daily lives, embracing the appeal of "Each one, teach one."



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Dr. Carter Woodson was the founder of Black History Month.

Black History Month Campus Events

Sat., Feb. 10 pianist Awadagin Pratt, Wellin Hall

Fri., Feb 16 WOFA, Percussion and Dance from Guinea, West Africa

Information Session for the

Hamilton College
Academic Year in Spain
Fall, Year & Spring
2001-2002*

Date: Tuesday, February 13
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Place: The Browsing Room (Christian Johnson, 2nd Floor)

Professor Jeremy Medina, HCAYS General Director, and former HCAYS participants will be present to answer your questions, and a video will be shown.

*We will also highlight the SIHS (summer) program in Spain.

Arts & Entertainment

Gilbert and Sullivan's play is a hit with Hamilton crowd

by Hannah Stahle '03
A&E GUEST WRITER

Ahh, Gilbert and Sullivan. The illustrious duo that brought us the entertaining musical comedy *The Pirates of Penzance* also brought us another misadventure on the high seas, *H.M.S. Pinafore*, performed last weekend by the Hamilton College Choir. The production, directed by G. Roberts Kolb, tells the story of a lowly sailor, Ralph (played by Dave Steadman '03) who pines for the love of his captain's daughter, Josephine. Following the comedic formula, Josephine (Katherine Hughes '04) returns Ralph's love, although she is urged by her father (David Kolb '01) to love Captain Joseph (Josh Rubinger '01), clearly a more beneficial match in terms of status. The couple endures all the staples of a musical comedy: children switched at birth, a devious outcast, inflated frogs, and countless sisters, cousins, and aunts. They are happily married in the end, as Ralph conveniently turns out to be a true captain.

The choir's production was in true Gilbert and Sullivan style, with lots of dancing sailors cavorting with girls in colorful dresses. The cast members, as expected, skillfully and beautifully carried out the uplifting songs and the laments of the lovers, and the lead characters proved exceptionally vocally strong.

The acting was well done, though it was not as stellar as the vocal performances. Rubinger's portrayal of Captain Joseph was very effective, as his awkward behavior was larger than life, and his air of self-importance was exaggerated just enough to emphasize his absurdity. Kolb's portrayal of Captain Corcoran was just as effective, especially in his giddiness over his love of Buttercup, a gypsy woman played quite convincingly and humorously by Alice Muir '01.

Hughes seemed to under-act her role slightly, as she did not go to any creative lengths in her portrayal, although her incredible voice made up for it. Steadman, while he is a seasoned actor, appears to be better suited for more comedic character roles than those of the principal romantic interests, such as Ralph. While his performance proved effective, his motions and gestures were awkward and his emotions were slightly unbelievable, as his acting style is more appropriate for more complex and offbeat characters.

The highlight of the musical, however, turned out to be Dick Deadeye, played by Andrew Martin '03, who absolutely stole the show. Martin portrayed the disgruntled, disfigured, and socially dysfunctional character with an excellent British accent and a rash temper. His acting was so entertaining that I wish Dick Deadeye had been a larger role.

The production featured a simple but very effective set. It portrayed the deck of the ship, which served as the scenery for the entirety of the show, as all the action takes place in one afternoon and evening aboard the *Pinafore*. The costumes of the sisters, cousins, and aunts were incredibly colorful and served as a great contrast to the brisk white of the sailor suits. Along with the rest of the cast, Captain Joseph, Captain Corcoran, and Buttercup were well outfitted from head to toe by the costuming trio of Sarah Wilkinson '03, Laura Spaziani '03, and Matt Zeller '04.

Overall, the music was wonderful and the production proved entertaining. The choir did an excellent job of pulling all elements of the musical together in such a short amount of time, so much so that I anxiously await their next production.

Traffic is Unstoppable

by Priyanka Khanna '04
A&E WRITER

Brilliant. That is the only word to describe *Traffic*. Hard-hitting, gripping, and extremely real, this film portrays the drug war in all its glory.

Inspired by the British TV series *Traffik*, director Steven Soderbergh (*Erin Brokovich*) and writer Stephan Gagahan create a complex, layered film to show the high-risk and highly complex world of drugs. This film has three free-form, interlocking storylines superbly acted by a cast that includes Michael Douglas, Catherine Zeta Jones, Benicio Del Toro, Dennis Quaid, and Don Cheadle.

PHOTO COURTESY OF USA FILMS

Globe winner Benicio Del Toro plays a Mexican cop in *Traffic*.

After the barest minimum of titles, we are thrown into dusty and corrupt Tijuana, Mexico, where Javier Rodriguez (Del Toro) and his partner bust up a cocaine shipment. At that point the corrupt army general Salazar decides to take over, and that shipment soon reaches America.

Cut to D.C., where Judge Bob Wakefield (Douglas) is being selected as the new drug czar. As he begins his crusade against drugs, the problem gets a little closer to home. Having already experimented with pot, daughter Caroline (Julia Christensen) decides to take it one step further. Like all addicts, she is soon in too deep.

Sunny San Diego is where the third plot unfolds. After the sudden arrest of her drug-baron husband, six-months-pregnant Helena Ayala (Zeta-Jones) is swept into the sleazy world of drug cartels. Her survival instinct is in overdrive when she switches from socializing at the country club to waging a dirty battle to avenge her husband's arrest. One of the most hardcore and extremely moving scenes is when she crosses over to Mexico to meet a drug lord (played by Benjamin Bratt).

Soderbergh is also the photographer, and through his camera work he manages to give each of these interlinked stories its own iden-

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Crouching Tiger is a smart Chinese fable with a kick

by Sara Bencivenga '01
A&E WRITER

Of all the films released in the year 2000 that I have seen, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon*, directed by Ang Lee, is by far the one I recommend the most. Sitting at the Riverside Mall Cinemas, mesmerized by the power and beauty of every second of the film, I finally felt that I was watching a motion picture fundamentally different from everything that I have reviewed thus far. Aside from being the product of excellent cinematography, acting, directing, screenwriting, and choreography, *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* is full of surprises at every scene and twist of plot, making it FUN to watch. Going into the movie, I had the premonition that it was going to be all about ninjas, and I did not know what to make of the title. In reality, the film is a multi-layered and complex Chinese fable, which is simultaneously deeply rooted in its own culture and universally appealing.

The storyline of *Crouching Tiger, Hidden Dragon* follows the adventures of several characters in feudal China. The protagonist of the story is Jen Yu (Zhang Zi Yi), a wealthy governor's daughter who is fascinated with the wild and free lifestyle of the errant warrior. She is so fascinated, in fact, that she steals a sword (called the "Green Destiny") that had belonged to one of the greatest warriors in the land, Li Mu Bai (Chow Yun-Fat). Li Mu Bai and his close friend/love interest Shu Lien (Michelle Yeoh) both go to work to try to re-channel Jen's energy into more positive and healthy pursuits while reclaiming the Green Destiny sword. Each of these characters also has an agenda that diverges from the main plot line. Shu Lien must find the perfect balance between being Jen's friend and her foe, Li Mu Bai wants to find a way to profess his love to Shu Lien and settle a score with warrior woman Jade Fox (Pei-pei Cheng), and Jen must decide whether to marry in accordance with her parents' wishes or stay with charming desert bandit Lo (Chen Chang), who is madly in love with her. All this is interspersed with several nail-biting fight-scenes, breath-taking views of the Chinese landscape, and a moderate amount of humor to keep things interesting.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SONY PICTURES

Zhang Zi Yi and Michelle Yeoh fight it out.

One of the things that surprised me the most about this film was the said fight scenes. I found myself looking forward to these – and this is coming from someone (a girl!) who finds 90% of all film violence to be wholly gratuitous. The choreography, thanks to Woo-ping Yuen (who also brought us the kung fu sequences in *The Matrix)* does a perfect job of glorifying the warriors' skills rather than just showing the blood and guts. He presents martial arts, with emphasis on the latter; the fighting looks less like a gory display of brawn and more like graceful dance duets with an aggressive edge.

Another reason why *Crouching Tiger* is out-of-the-ordinary is its strong, beautiful, and intricate female characters. Director Ang Lee unabashedly cast three women as main characters in a martial arts movie simply out of desire (perhaps to point out certain strengths – like more grace in fighting – that women have?), instead of giving parts to women simply to be politically correct. When Hollywood wants to make women feel better about the preponderance of two-dimensional female roles, it dishes out *Charlie's Angels*, which actually displays women at their most prepackaged and made up. *Crouching Tiger* has real women with real beauty who really perform the fight scenes. Forget *Charlie's Angels*– *Crouching Tiger* is for real.

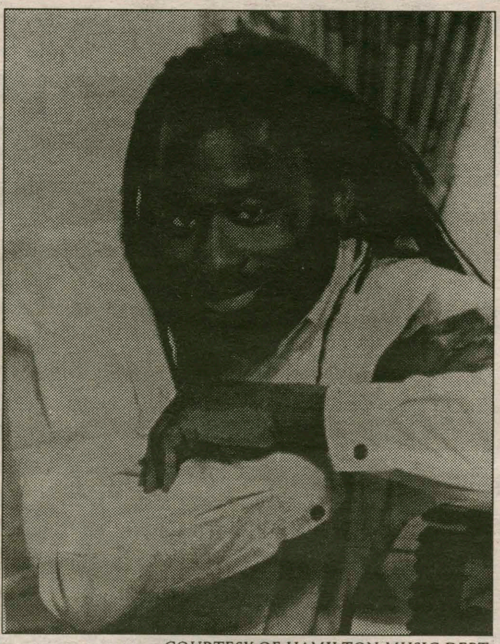
Pratt performs piano recital

PRESS RELEASE

The Hamilton College Performing Arts will present a piano recital by Awadagin Pratt on Saturday, Feb.10, at 8 p.m., at Wellin Hall in Schambach Center for Music and the Performing Arts. The program will feature the works of Bach, Beethoven, and Liszt. Pratt will also present an open discussion and demonstration on Friday, Feb. 9 at 4:30 pm in Wellin Hall. The discussion/demonstration is free and open to the public.

Among the next generation of concert artists, pianist Awadagin Pratt is increasingly acclaimed as one of tomorrow's superstars. He was named one of the 50 Leaders of Tomorrow in *Ebony Magazine's* special 50th anniversary issue. His musical insight and intense performances have received tremendous audience response and press attention throughout the United States during the past several seasons.

Born in Pittsburgh, Pratt began studying piano at the age of six. At the age of 16, he entered the University of Illinois, where he studied piano, violin, and conducting. He subsequently enrolled at Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory of Music, where he became the first student in the school's history to receive diplomas in three performance areas.



COURTESY OF HAMILTON MUSIC DEPT.

Awadagin Pratt will perform in Wellin Hall on February 9.

In 1992 Pratt won the Naumburg International Piano Competition and two years later was awarded a 1994 Avery Fisher Career Grant. He has played numerous recitals throughout the U.S., including performances in New York at Lincoln Center, Washington, D.C. at the Kennedy Center, Los Angeles at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion and Chicago at Orchestra Hall. His many orchestral performances include appearances with the New York Philharmonic, the Minnesota Orchestra, the Atlanta, Baltimore, National, and Cincinnati symphonies, and the New York Chamber Symphony. He has also performed at the White House at the invitation of President and Mrs. Clinton.

In addition to concert performances, Pratt has been featured on National Public Radio's *Performance Today* and *Weekend Edition*. He has performed on the *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, and *Sesame Street*, appeared in a segment of *CBS Sunday Morning*, and was one of the featured soloists on PBSs "Live from the Kennedy Center – A Salute to Slava."

Tickets for the Saturday, February 10 recital are $15 adult, $10 senior and $5 student. All seating is general admission. For reservations or for more information, call the Hamilton College Performing Arts ticket office at (315) 859-4331.

Del Toro, *Traffic* unstoppable

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tity. Using a handheld camera in many scenes, he gives *Traffic* a documentary feel. This is intensified by the different hues used. Tijuana is shown in grainy, sordid yellow, a metaphor for the blatant corruption that exists. D.C and suburban Ohio are portrayed in cool blues symbolic of the preppy, powerridden worlds, as well as the depressed nature of its characters. Irritatingly "perfect" San Diego is shown in soft, saturated colors.

This film is a casting coup of sorts. The "star" of the film is undoubtedly Del Toro. Speaking in Spanish for most of the film, he gives his character a mesmerizing opaqueness. The swaggering, Marlboro-smoking Javier steals the film. Relatively unknown Julia Christensen is also fantastic as Douglas's junkie daughter. There isn't a single weak performance. The cast is understated, low-key, and refreshingly natural.

What is amazing about this film is that despite the intrinsically woven storyline, there is no clear hero or bad guy. When you walk out of the cinema, the last thing that you think about is the plot. Soderbergh has created such a mosaic that it is difficult to differentiate between the film and life. Yet this film doesn't have a pedantic air to it. There is no sugar-coated, happy ending to the film because that's not how life is. That is the brilliance of this film.

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The Wedding Planner
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Cast Away
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Save The Last Dance
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Valentine
5:15 7:40 9:55

Head Over Heels
5:30 7:30 9:20

Eighth Annual Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff

PRESS RELEASE

Yeehaw! It's time to round up your recipes for the Eighth Annual Cabin Fever Chili Cookoff! The festivities are happening in the Little Pub on Saturday, February 17 from 4 to 6 PM and we are looking for some butt-kicking entries! We've got two categories: vegetarian and con carne (you choose the meat – we've had chicken, beef, and even some buffalo!) and three degrees of temperature: mild, spicy, and rocket fuel! So whip up a batch of your best and enter this year's contest. Each chili chef entered receives a commemorative apron and a chance at the championship silver Chili Bowl. Other great prizes for the contenders. Sponsored by the wackos in the Student Activities and the Febfest gang. Registration forms are available at Bristol Campus Center in the first floor lobby.

Unique Cooperative Learning Opportunity at

The New England Center FOR CHILDREN

Representatives from NECC will be on campus in February to discuss internship and employment opportunities. Check with your Career Center for more details.

The New England Center for Children (NECC) is a recipient of the U.S. Department of Education's National Award for Model Professional Development. We are a state-of-the-art residential school and treatment center for children and adults with autism, developmental disabilities and behavior disorders. The Center attracts students and scholars from around the world for our programs, research and training opportunities.

Hamilton College students interested in applied psychology and education now have the opportunity to spend a semester at NECC. The semester at NECC will give juniors and seniors the opportunity for practical experience in special education and applied psychology while receiving full academic credit from Hamilton College.

The program includes both didactic course work (see Hamilton Course Catalog) and supervised practicum experiences. Trainees will learn theoretical and practical applications of behavior analysis techniques, as well as how to develop educational curriculum and behavior management programs for students who have a range of needs.

Trainees will attend graduate-level courses offered on-site by Northeastern University and Simmons College. Trainees will also spend about 30 hours each week gaining hands-on experience as student teachers.

Interested students should consult with the chair of the Department of Psychology, John Vaughan. Applications should be submitted to the Dean of Students Office by March 1.

For more information about The New England Center for Children visit our web site or contact Daniel Gould at The New England Center for Children, 33 Turnpike Road, Southboro, MA 01772.

Visit our Web Site at http://www.NECC.org

Hamilton College Febfest 2001: A Snow Odyssey

Monday, February 12th

8-11PM Skating Party in Sage Rink. Put your skates on because it's time to get out and start having fun! Bring your own skates or use the ones provided. Free snacks will be available. Brought to you by the Class of 2003.

***__4-6__ and **6-8 PM Beer and Tapas Tasting** in the Pub. Professor Raybeck leads those 21 and over into the world of beer. Those under 21 can also sign up to taste the tapas. Sign up when purchasing buttons (30 people max for each session).

7 PM Men's JV Basketball vs. Albany Pharmacy in the Field House

9:30 PM FEBFEST Opening Ceremonies: **Acapella Concert** in the Chapel.

Tuesday, February 13th

*****4-6 and 6-8 PM Wine and Chocolate Tasting** in the Pub. Carl Rubino enlightens those of age about the elegant world of wine. At the same time Professor Ernest Williams will lead a chocolate tasting upstairs for chocolate lovers of all ages. Sign up when purchasing buttons (30 people max. for each session).

6 PM Women's Basketball vs. William Smith in the Field House.

8 PM Men's Basketball vs. Hobart in the Field House

*****8 PM Dating Game** in the Annex. Getting a wee-bit sexually frustrated on the hill, need help rebounding or just looking for some quality time with someone special? Come to watch or come to win a date with one of the most desired bachelors or bachelorettes on campus. $2 without a FebFest button.

Wednesday, February 14th

4:30 PM No-Holds-Barred-Shredding-Sled-Race. You gots to be gettin' down the hill with whatever you gots (ie. luge sled, belly, cafeteria tray) the fastest. Winner takes all. HOC is in charge. Grand Prize = Northern Outfitter gift certificate.

*****8 PM Dar Williams** with opener Sarah Harmer. FEBFEST and CAB's Acoustic Coffeehouse series bring the big Dar herself back to Wellin Hall. This event will cost $5 at the door for those without buttons.

11 PM Jazz in the Little Pub featuring Paul Kogut and guests

Thursday, February 15th

Snoccer Tournament (Day 1) Teams will engage in the ultimate game demanding the sheer skill of charging around in the snow after a ball without the use of your hands (goalies excluded)....OR snow soccer. Time and place TBA.

4 PM Fun in the snow with Andrew Jillings. **Ice cave (Igloo) Building Session** and assembly at the Pavilion.

4PM Step Team Performance in the Barn.

*****8 PM Gong Show/Open Mic.** in the Barn. It's like an open mic with a good ol' Gong Show twist. Hosted by Dean Green and Jim DuVernay '03. Look for celebrity judges. This event will cost $2 without a FebFest button.

9PM WHCL Concerts presents **Low with opening act Pedro the Lion** in the Annex. Doors open at 8:30.

10PM Kareoke Night in the Little Pub. Sponsored by the class of 2001.

Friday, February 16th

Snoccer Tournament (Day 2) Fun-In-The-Sun-In-The-Snow continues. (Same skills as yesterday required).

1-4:30 PM Snow Sculpture Contest. Any group can partake in this event glorifying the art of sculpting something out of snow. What are YOU going to build on Minor Field? Sponsored by Gamma Xi.

4-7 PM Happy Hour in the Little Pub.

7:30 PM Scary Movie presented by Samuel Kirkland Film Society in the KJ Aud.

8 PM WOFA Dance and Percussion Performance from Guinea, West Africa. In Wellin Hall. $5 for students or $10 for Hamilton employees with or without a FebFest button.

10 PM Fireworks on Minor Field by Auburn/Telstar Display Fireworks Inc. of Auburn, NY (315)252-0712 * Life doesn't get much better than this.

10 PM Badlands presented by the Classic Film Society in the KJ Aud.

Following the Fireworks ISC Beach Party in the Annex

Saturday, February 17th

Snoccer Tournament (Finals) Bragging rights are established and the winners can bask in their glory.

11 AM Hamilton Open-Indoor track.

1:30PM Community Church sponsors a **Flower Planting Service Project.** Come to the Bristol Hub and help plant flowers to liven up the lives of patients at area nursing homes.

2PM Who Wants To Be A Hundredaire? The International Students Association presents this twist on the popular game show in the Events Barn.

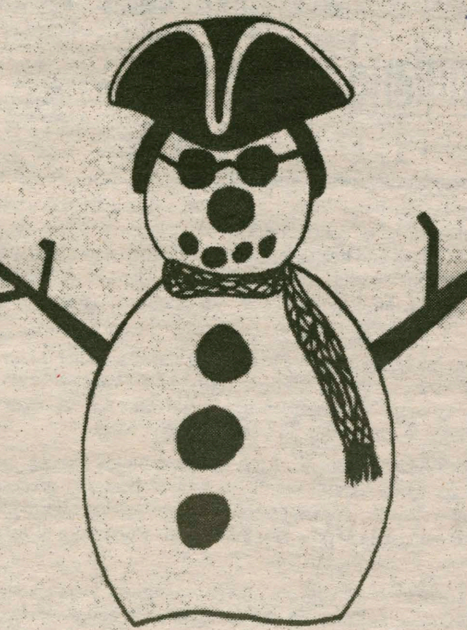
4PM Capture the Flag on Minor Field. Come on out fo r this favorite school yard game with a new twist. Sponsored by the Christain Fellowship.

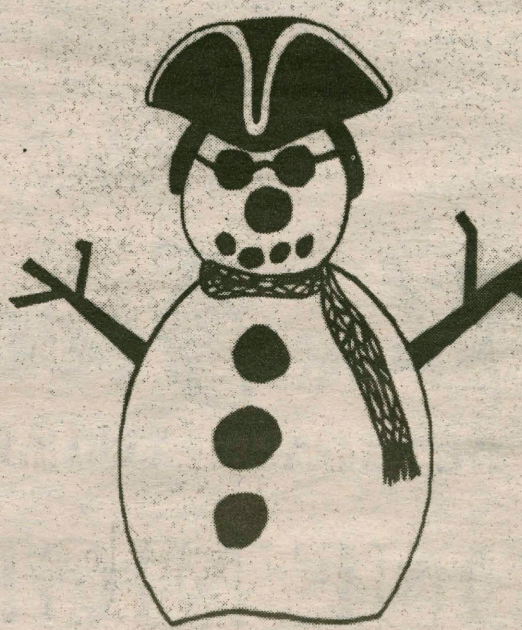
4-6 PM 8th Annual Chili Cook-Off in the Little Pub. Stop by and sample some of the most amazing chili you'll ever taste and help determine who will be this year's Chili Champion!

*****9 PM G Love and Special Sauce** in the Annex. Co-sponsored by CAB. $5 at the door for those without FebFest buttons.

7 PM Badlands presented by the Classic Film Society in the KJAud.

10 PM Scary Movie presented by the Samuel Kirkland Film Society in the KJ Aud.





Sunday, February 18th

Today begins the first day you'll begin to remember the excitement and unforgettable times FEBFEST brought you. You've got the entire day to catch up on sleep, do homework, and start anticipating FEBFEST 2002!

* Fireworks raindate is Saturday at 8PM.

MORE DETAILS HERE

^^FEBFEST buttons ($5) get you into every designated event for free. You'll also get your filthy paws on the exclusive FEBFEST one-of-a-kind souvenir poster.^^

***Those students who do not purchase FebFest buttons will be charged for designated (***) events at the door.

WHCL Top 30

1) Low
Things We Lost in The Fire

2) Pedro the Lion
Selections from Various Albums

3) Swearing at Motorists
Number 7 Uptown

4) Versus
Hurrah

5) Jebediah
Of Someday Shambles

6) Death Cab for Cutie
Forbidden Love EP

7) Various Artists
Build Your Own Radio

8) Elf Power
The Winter Is Coming

9) Jejune
RIP

10) Cinerama
This Is Cinerama

11) Bright Eyes / Son,
Oh Holy Fools

12) The Microphones
It Was Hot, We Stayed

13) Le Tigre
From the Desk of Mr. Lady

14) ABBC
Tete a Tete

15) Kreidler
s/t

16) Of Montreal
The Early 4 Track Recordings

17) Takako Minekawa
Maxi On

18) Japancakes
The Sleepy Strange

19) Death by Chocolate
s/t

20) Microstoria
Model 3 Step 2

21) Stars
Nightsongs

22) Gentle Waves
Swan Song

23) The Gossip
That's Not What I Heard

24) Actionslacks
The Scene's Out of Sight

25) Math and Science
s/t

26) The Action Time
Versus the World

27) Call and Response
s/t

28) Arlo
Up High...

29) Unisex
Stratosfear

30) Lesser
Gearhound

Book Review
The Diving Bell and the Butterfly

by Erin Post '01
A&E WRITER

Imagine waking up one morning to discover your whole body immovable; your limbs are numb, your lips incapable of speech. Even breathing is a chore. This is the nightmare that became a reality for Jean-Dominque Bauby after he suffered a massive stroke in December 1995. Given the circumstances, he managed to tell his story in an almost inconceivable way. By blinking his left eyelid, the only working muscle in his body, he dictated this book to family and friends. His creation is a testament to the human will to survive.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly combines humor and passionate conviction in a memoir that reminds us what it means to be a human being. Despite the books heart-rending subject matter, Bauby manages to avoid sentimental melodrama in his simple, straightforward narrative that consistently avoids large sweeps of time. The short chapters focus with a certain realistic stoicism on his struggle to make sense of his altered reality. He devotes one chapter to speech therapy and the difficulty involved with relearning the mouth movements necessary to make sounds. He states, in his typically conversational manner, "You cannot imagine the acrobatics your tongue mechanically performs in order to produce all the sounds of a language." He devotes one sentence to his frustration, declaring, "On good days, between coughing fits, I muster enough energy and wind to be able to puff out one of two phenomes." The rest of the chapter describes the immense joy he derives from his seven year old daughter and the rest of his family. He wishes only to be able to respond to their stories and concerns. One simple declarative statement, "I am overwhelmed by them," sums up what Bauby sees as important in life.

The Diving Bell and the Butterfly also contains its lighter moments. Bauby uses humor to keep himself grounded and motivated, sometimes poking fun at his situation. In one chapter he discusses the joys of food, commenting that now wishing him "bon appetit" is like "saying Merry Christmas on August 15th or Good Night in broad daylight." He muses on how he longs to eat something solid, sausage in particular. He delves into his past history with sausage and the reason behind his love of this deli meat, namely, his grandmother's cooking. Although usually picky in regards to brand and quality, right now he would settle for "a good old proletarian hard sausage" to satisfy his craving. Bauby peppers the narrative with similar light moments that subtlely focus our attention on the simple joys of living that we too often take for granted.

It is this self-effacing subtlety that is the driving force behind Bauby's work. He tells not only his story, but the story of family and community that creates every human life and makes living worthwhile.

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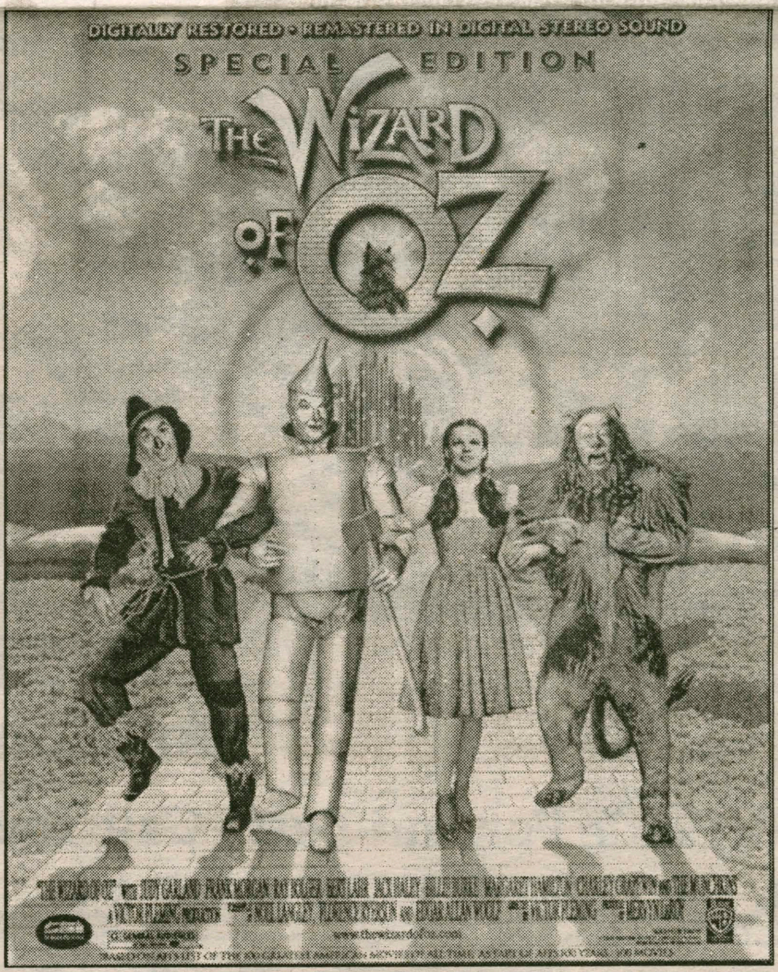

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Women's Track runs past Division I opponents

Hanson breaks her own records, qualifies for NCAAs

by Michael Everhart '02
SPORTS WRITER

The women's indoor track and field team approached last weekend's Colgate Invitational differently than it does most meets.

The meet was more about qualifying for the championship meets at the end of the season (NYSCTCs, ECACs, and NCAAs) than about beating the other teams.

Although the team only finished fifth with 30 points, the top four teams were all Division I schools: Bucknell University, SUNY Albany, Lehigh University, and Colgate. The bottom two schools were Marist College and RPI.

Coach Ellen Hull was quite pleased with the team's performance, saying "We did quite well, especially with the flu going around campus, with several people qualifying for championship meets and running personal bests."

Maggie Hanson '02 and Kate Nelson '01 led the way by finishing first and second in the 5000-meter run with times of 17:03.87 and 17:24.71.

Hanson's time automatically qualified her for the NCAA Championships and set a new Colgate Fieldhouse and Continental record, replacing the time she set at last year's Colgate Invitational.

Nelson's time was almost 20 seconds faster than her time last week and was only .07 seconds slower than the automatic qualifying standard for NCAAs.

"I think that Kate [Nelson] and I ran smart races in the 5000, although I know she wanted to qualify automatically. It was good to see that Coach Hull was very pleased with how we did. I felt good throughout the entire race and wasn't totally drained at the finish," said Hanson.

She and Nelson have the first and third best times in the NCAA in the 5000.

In other distance events, Amanda Chase '03 finished seventh in the 800-meter run with a time of 2:24.83, which qualified her for the ECAC and NYSCTC Championships.

In the mile, an infrequently run event for Hamilton, Jen Cammarano '03 finished fourth with a time of 5:16.94, which qualified her for NYSCTCs; she was followed by Becca Walker '02 in 13th place.

In the 3000-meter run tri-captain Emily Hill '01 finished tenth with a time of 11:43.29.

In the 1000-meter run Christine Campbell '04 and Lauren Perkins '04 finished eighth and tenth with times of 3:19.41 and 3:22.15.

In the sprint events, Tricia Kowalski '03 and Jane Taylor '04 finished seventh and ninth, respectively in the 500-meter dash with times of 1:24.25 and 1:32.57; Kowalski's time qualified her for ECACs and was a personal best.

In the 200-meter dash tri-captain Lynne Myrth '01 and Lizzy Fazio '04 finished ninth and tenth with times of 29.21 and 32.18 seconds.

In the 400-meter dash tri-captain Cristina Freyre '02, Andrea Stroud '03, and Gill Chapman '04 finished eighth, eleventh, and thirteenth, respectively.

In the relays, Cammarano, Freyre, Chase, and Hanson finished second in the distance medley relay, which includes a 1200, 400, 800, and 1600-meter leg.

They finished in a time of 12:35.46, which qualified them for the ECACs but not NCAAs.

Hanson commented, "We did well but wanted to qualify for NCAAs. I think we were slowed because each of us had already run an event."

Hull added, "They ran well but weren't ready to qualify for NCAAs. They'll get another great opportunity to qualify in two weeks at home when the DMR is the first event of the meet."

In a controversial call, Taylor, Kowalski, Stroud, and Gill Chapman '04 were disqualified in the 1600-meter relay but the official at the meet never explained why.

Hull commented, "They ran a very good race with about a 4:25 time; Jane [Taylor] surprised everyone with a four second drop in her 400-meter leg."

In the field events, Sherri Hamlette '01 and Courtney Robbins '03 finished ninth and twelfth in the weight throw with distances of 11.71 and 8.39 meters.

In the shot put Chapman finished 13th with a distance of 7.09 meters. In the long jump, Janet Davis '01 finished tenth. Anna Arnold '04 finished seventh in the triple jump with a distance of 9.99 meters.

Pole vaulters and high jumpers Barb Dalgish '03 and Meghan Mullaney '03 did not compete due to illness.

This weekend the Continentals will attempt to win their second consecutive UCAA championship at RPI against St. Lawrence University, Union College, the University of Rochester, and RPI.

They have beaten RPI and Union earlier this season and expect St. Lawrence to be their toughest competition.

Hull commented, "They're quite strong this year, especially in their field and sprint events. We're going to approach this meet in a more team oriented way than at Colgate. Most people will be competing in at least two events; people will be placed in events to maximize points for the team."

Runners will have to overcome illness and adapt to the length of RPI's track, which is 173 meters long and banked, and includes a tunnel over part of the track.

"The change in length will be felt mostly by the sprinters, but they're used to it after competing at Union. The turns are pretty tight around the corners under the tunnel," added Hull.

The Continentals will work on getting more runners qualified for Nationals and NCAAs.

This weekend's meet will provide many runners with the opportunity to prolong their season.

Hull is hoping that the team will continue running with the determination it has shown so far this season.

If the team performs like it has at the last few meets, the battle between the Continentals and the Saints will be a close one, and a successful one for many individuas.

Oklahoma State Basketball Team braves recent tragedy

In times of tragedy the strong carry the weak. On February 5th, twelve young men and one experienced coach put an entire college on their back and carried it through the worst tragedy of its kind since 1977.

On January 27th two play-

BRETT ZALASKI

The Point After

ers (Dan Lawson and Nate Fleming), and eight other people affiliated with the Oklahoma State University basketball program were killed when their plane crashed 40 miles east of Denver after a ten point loss to Colorado.

The last crash of this sort occurred on December 13, 1977 when 14 members of the University of Evansville were killed.

The news not only shook the campus to its core, but the sports world as well. It is a tragedy that is as shocking as it is sad.

Two students, not any older than you or I, are dead. They were not just athletes who you will no longer see on ESPN or CBS, and they were sons, brothers, and friends.

They were also roommates. Dan Lawson was the roommate of Andre Williams, and Nate Fleming was the roommate of Frederick Jonzen.

Yet it was Williams and Jonzen who formed the backbone of what became the greatest athletic story of the new year.

In their first game since the tragedy, and after a week of funerals, a heavy-hearted Eddie Sutton led his troops into the biggest must-win game of his illustrious coaching career.

All the way up until tip-off the ceremonies continued. A ribbon was placed next to the names of Fleming and Lawson in the media guide.

Just before the start of the game the team left the court for 30 seconds to allow for a moment of silence. The team then returned to a standing ovation.

The game was a tight contest that featured numerous ties and lead changes. In the end, Oklahoma State prevailed, no doubt helped by their sixth man, the thousands in attendance, and the spirits of the deceased.

Jonzen scored a career high 26 points, and after each basket made a salute towards Nate Fleming's parents who were in attendance.

Williams collected 15 rebounds, blocked four shots, and was the team's inspirational leader and soul. A last second steal by Williams sealed the game, and one of the most important victories in Oklahoma State history.

At the end of the game the team gathered at midcourt and pointed upwards in unison. It was a touching, fitting ending to a tremendous game.

It is virtually impossible to put into words the accomplishments of the Oklahoma State players. Death is always difficult to handle. This past winter Minnesota Timberwolves guard Malik Sealy was killed in a car accident.

The Timberwolves grieved the loss, but they are older, more mature human beings, and had the whole off-season to recover.

These young men had only one week to recover, and are no older than the majority of people on this campus.

Most of the players had never had to deal with the loss of a friend, not to mention two or more at the same time.

Their response was not only inspirational, it was heroic. At the open funeral for all ten men, a few days after the incident, a visibly weary Williams took the microphone. He was the last speaker in an emotionally draining ceremony.

In a truly touching show of the power of the human spirit, he spoke to the families and friends of the victims and said, "I am a strong believer in God. We all walk the road of death at one time or another. But it's all right, for we will see them in the morning."

I have rarely had more respect for someone than I did watching him at that moment. That respect would only grow in watching him play a large part in the victory over Missouri. The team took a plane to their next game versus Nebraska. It was decided by a unanimous team vote.

It was just one more show of strength, solidarity, and respect from a group of young men who continue to defy convention and expectations with their heroic bravery.

Women's Hockey splits two

by Elizabeth Crispino '01
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's hockey team ended its last weekend in the Sage Rink, splitting two games. The first game on Saturday against MIT was not expected to be a tough one, but the team came prepared for a fight.

They started the game strong and outplayed the vastly inexperienced MIT squad. The Continentals' 6-0 win gave them a much deserved confidence boost for the tougher game that was to come: Sunday's matchup against University of Southern Maine.

The team knew that this would be a tough game, as Southern Maine entered the contest with a strong 13-3-2 record, compared to the Continentals' record of 7-9.

Southern Maine put the first goal past Hamilton's Andrea Cecchinato '01 at 5:45 in the first period. Between periods, the team regrouped and came out fired up for the rest of the game. Unfortunately, Southern Maine was able to take advantage of a power play to put another one away. However, the third period started off with a bang for the Conts, as Paula Dady '03 capitalized on a Hamilton power play and scored at 18:06.

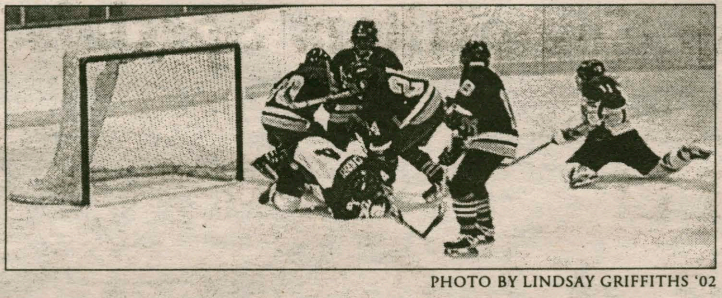
Southern Maine quickly answered back with another goal at 19:30 after Hamilton pulled Cecchinato from the goal.

Cecchinato played well in goal, finishing the game with 14 saves. The game's final score, 3-1, did not indicate how close the matchup between the two teams was.

Coach Shannon Bryant commented, "We played a tremendous game. We came out and set the pace, which was important for us to do especially after our win on Saturday and knowing that Southern Maine had a tough game with RIT."

Bryant continued, "We created lots of scoring opportunities, and our neutral zone play looked the best its looked all year as well as our fore-check. We just couldn't put the puck in the net. At 18:06 Dady scored off an assist from Lauren Spoon to give us a chance, but we could not convert again in the final minutes of the game."

Bryant praised the influence of the seniors on the team, commenting, "This senior class will be missed next year. They have provided good leadership and given a lot of heart to this program." The team travels to Colgate and Union this weekend for its final games of the season.



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The Conts do battle in front of their opponent's goal.

XFL disappoints in season opener

by Matt Olney '01
A&E EDITOR

The XFL, which aired for the first time this past Saturday, has received more hype than the Super Bowl.

Millions of diehard wrestling fans who sit on their couches and quote The Rock during Monday Night Raw tuned into the league's season opener.

I am not a diehard wrestling fan, but I watch from time to time knowing what to expect - lots of yelling, fake punching, special jumps and holds, and a lot of trash talking.

That is what the WWF is all about. It is pure entertainment with 300-pound muscle men doing ballet-like stunts and gymnastics.

This is what many, including myself, expected from the XFL: entertainment.

Unfortunately, this new football league did not live up to expectations.

The XFL came into existence because many felt the NFL was losing some of its spunk. This "new and exciting" league could have served as a plausible substitute.

The NFL's television ratings are down, and as outlaw journalist Hunter S. Thompson stated about the much anticipated New York Giants/Minnesota Vikings division championship game, "Waking up to watch the Giants-Vikings game was like rolling out of bed and stepping into a pile of steaming animal dung."

While I don't find the NFL that painful, it is not as exciting as it once was.

We no longer have a Joe Montana who can rally the troops late in the fourth quarter, or a Bo Jackson who can outrun anyone on the field.

Instead, we have a bunch of overpaid thugs who care more about their contract negotiations than they do about winning.

So in comes the XFL - a league that is supposed to mix the entertainment of the WWF with some good, hard football.

However, it just doesn't work. For starters, the camera work is terrible. Camera men should not be on the field.

They accomplish nothing other than allowing us to hear the quarterback call plays that we cannot decipher anyway.

The on-field interviews were equally terrible. The questions that the interviewers asked the players were uninteresting, exacting boring responses from the players.

Everything said during a WWF wrestling event is staged and is used to denounce a sworn enemy that the wrestler will soon be fighting.

There are no enemies in the XFL. The interviews were about the game rather than an enemy, and therefore had no entertainment value.

The extra entertainment promised by XFL commissioner Vince McMahon, Jr. was simply not there.

I saw no interaction between the cheerleaders (who looked like they had been pulled from sleazy strip joints) and the players, as I had expected.

It was a regular football game with terrible commentary. Jerry "The King" Lawler knows as much about football as George Bush, Jr. knows about "strategery."

Jesse "The Body" Ventura likewise should stick to being a Navy Seal, and stay out of the broadcast booth.

The real problem lies not in the commentary or the camera work. Behind the lights and the glitz, the XFL is just a football game, and a terrible one at that.

The players are nothing more than NFL rejects who want a chance to play some football.

If they were any good at it, they would be playing on Sundays in the NFL instead of on Saturdays in the XFL.

No fancy camera work or hot cheerleaders could ever change that.

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Perfect weekend for Women's Squash

Team goes undefeated at Smith Invitational

by Prashant Sadarangani '04
SPORTS WRITER

The Hamilton women's squash team was confident going into the Mount Holyoke-Smith Invitational.

After losing a nail-biter to Connecticut College last week, the women were ready to play their best against Smith, Middlebury, Wesleyan and Vassar.

The team played Smith and Wesleyan on Friday, and could not have hoped for a better result.

The women got off to a great start by defeating Smith 9-0. In the entire contest, Hamilton only lost one game.

Co-captain Eileen Wildman '01 and Liz Hurley '01 played exceptionally, winning their matches in three straight games.

The team played Wesleyan next, and despite suffering from fatigue, was able to beat them soundly, 8-1.

Helena Marrin '03, Tracy Nichols '03, and Elizabeth Crispino '01 had little difficulty defeating their opponents and finished the weekend undefeated.

Coach Jamie King commented, "It was a good performance by Elizabeth Crispino, and she played real strong in both her matches."

After these two amazing wins, the team was confident going into their matches on Saturday against Middlebury and Vassar.

Hamilton had previously defeated Vassar and had the advantage of knowing their gameplay.

However, things began differently this time around. Wildman, playing in the first spot, dropped her match to Pam Schenberg.

This loss was a warning to the rest of the team, who picked up their level of play and beat Vassar, 7-2.

Nichols, playing at the second spot, fought back from a two game deficit and managed to squeeze out a win.

She defeated Tiffany Yasima of Vassar in a close five game encounter.

The team was 3-0 now, and they only had one school to defeat for a 4-0 dream weekend.

The team then took on NESCAC powerhouse Middlebury College.

Wildman got the contest off to a great start by winning her match 9-4 in the fifth game.

There was no looking back after that win; Nichols won in three games, and Marrin got the better of Fuid by winning 9-1 in the fifth game.

Middlebury's squash team is known for its ability to fight back, and showed its determination by leveling the game 4-4, with one match to go.

The contest came down to Sarah Taylor's '03 match, which she won in four games.

Hamilton took the Mount Holyoke - Smith Invitational by storm, finishing undefeated for the weekend. weekend.

The wins were great for this hard-working team.

King praised her team's performance, commenting, "It was an excellent weekend for us and we could not have hoped for better. The team did a nice job in adjusting to the wider courts at Mount Holyoke, than compared to the narrow courts at Smith."

"The women have been challenged this season as they have played most of their matches on the road, but have always stood up to the challenge and succeeded.," King continued.

"The team is working hard to bond together as we have a mixture of juniors, seniors and freshmen. Our biggest win of the weekend was defeating Middlebury, and we competed well and are peaking at the right time with the Howe Team Championships just a week away," added King.

After the team's tiumphs this weekend, they will enter the Howe Cup with confidence.

Men's Track proves it can run with Division I squads

by Amanda Chase '03
SPORTS WRITER

The men's track and field team ran at Colgate this past weekend against a mixture of Division I and Division III schools.

The schools represented were Bucknell University, Colgate University, Rensselaer, University of Albany, Lehigh University, Lehigh College, Marist College, and Hamilton College.

The advanced competition led many members of the Hamilton squad to record their best times and jumps of the season.

The fast times are nice confidence builders for this upcoming weekend's UCAA Championships at RPI.

Tri-Captain Sam Brown 01' once again led the team with the highest placing. Brown took third in the 800 meter run with a time of 1:59.76.

Ryan Murelli '02, who was recovering from an illness, ran his best 800 of the season. Paul Jones '03 also ran his best time of the season in the 800, finishing in 2:04.31.

Murelli and Jones each took at least three seconds off their time. Mike Thompson '03 pleasantly surprised the coaches by placing fourth in the men's 400 meter run.

Thompson ran his quickest time of the season, taking almost a full two seconds off his previous times.

Darren Block '01 also ran his fastest time of the season in the 400, finishing in 54.46. Steve Guditus ''01 and Nate Arnold '03 each recorded a season best and took more than ten seconds off of their previous times.

Guditus ran the 3000 in a time of 10:08.35 and in the 5000, Arnold ran a 16:38.23. John Damaske'02 also ran a strong time in the 5000 with a time of 16:23.43.

Despite being ill all week, Doug Zeyak '02 ran solid in the 1000 finishing in 2:39.54.

Tri-Captain Scott Taylor '01 had a good run, finishing with a 4:26.31 in the mile. Seth O'Bryan '01 ran a 1:15.29 in the 500 meter run.

In the sprints, Hamilton's top two sprinters, Elijah "Juice" Huling '04 and Mark Petrivelli '01 competed in the 200 and the 55 meter.

Hamilton had a strong showings in the relays. The men's 4x400 relay team composed of Thompson, Huling, Block, and O'Bryan placed sixth.

Murelli, Jones, Brown, and Damaske made up the 4x800 relay team that placed fourth in the race with a time of 8:19.46.

Ryan Palmitesso '03 and Sandro Mei '04 competed in the field events for Hamilton. Palmitesso recorded his season best in the high jump, skying to a height of 1.81meters. Mei threw the weight 9.64 meters.

Coach Brett Hull commented, " I thought that people competed well, unfortunately many people are coming off whatever illness is going around campus."

"Not many of the guys were 100% healthy. Yet the good facilities and good atmosphere still allowed us to improve on individual performance, which was our goal," Hull added.

The team is looking forward to the UCAA Championships this coming weekend at RPI.

Hull predicts, "For us to do well as a team, people are going to have to give their best performances. St. Lawrence is #1 and will be tough, we saw RPI this past weekend, and we'll be in for another dog fight with Union."

Hull continued, "It will be an interesting meet with a small square track, which involves running through a tunnel. We'll be in for head to head competition and with a focused and healthy team, we could fare very well."

Beat the Experts

Each pick has been selected to win contest outright. *If any given game ends in a tie, that game is thrown out of the lineup. Beat the "Experts"* is by no means associated with organized gambling on professional or college sports. Whichever Guest Handicapper posts the best winning percentage during their week will be selected as *Hamilton's Athlete of the Week* (honorary) in the final issue of this semester and will be entitled to all the perks therein, namely an all-expense paid dinner with our devilishly handsome and stunningly beautiful sports editors, Lauren and Andy, as well as his or her picture in *The Spectator*.

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NBA						
All Star East v. All Star West. 2/11	West	West	West	West	West	West
Toronto at Cleveland 2/13	Raptors	Raptors	Raptors	Cavaliers	Raptors	Raptors
Charlotte at Indiana 2/13	Pacers	Hornets	Pacers	Hornets	Hornets	Pacers
Philadelphia at Milwaukee 2/13	Bucks	76ers	76ers	Bucks	Bucks	76ers
Sacramento at Utah 2/13	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Jazz	Kings
NY Knicks at Denver 2/13	Nuggets	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks	Knicks
Dallas at San Antonio 2/13	Spurs	Spurs	Mavs	Mavs	Spurs	Mavs
NCAA						
#13 Maryland at #1 UNC 2/10	Tar Heels	Terps	Tar Heels	Terps	Tar Heels	Tar Heels
#8 Tennessee at #24 Mississippi 2/10	Rebels	Rebels	Volunteers	Volunteers	Volunteers	Rebels
#9 Virginia at Georgia Tech 2/10	Cavs	Cavs	Yellow Jackets	Cavs	Cavs	Yellow Jackets
#18 Wisconsin at Ohio State 2/10	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Buckeyes	Badgers	Buckeyes

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Women's Hoops hits the road, finishes 1-2

by Andy Horner '03
SPORTS EDITOR

Sometimes in basketball, the toughest thing to establish on the court is a consistent sense of urgency and intensity. The Hamilton College women's basketball team has spent much of this season in pursuit of this consistency.

As they embarked on a three game road trip that included back-to-back contests at Skidmore and Union, the team hoped to put together a string of three solid performances.

They opened the road trip in style with an impressive 66-50 pounding of Skidmore.

They then fell short in a valiant comeback attempt against Union, in which questionable refereeing may have cost the team a chance to send the game into overtime. Perhaps deflated by the tough loss, the team then lost to NESCAC powerhouse Middlebury, 82-70.

The game against Skidmore saw the Continentals struggle slightly during the first half of the game, as they played down to the level of their inferior opponents.

They were unable to find a rhythm from the floor, and although the defense was sound, the offense struggled to put points on the board.

Hamilton connected on only eight field goals in the first half en route to a 29 percent shooting performance.

However, the Continentals were able to carry a four-point lead into half time thanks to a solid performance from the free throw line, where they went 10-14.

In the second half, the Continentals came out with a more aggressive offensive approach, and maintained their solid defensive effort.

The team heated up from the floor, as the backcourt duo of Jenny Russell '02 and Brenna Chiaputti '02 began to knock down their outside shots.

The two perimeters players also did their share on the boards, pulling down a combined nine rebounds, including three on the offensive glass. They were joined by center Holly Erick '04, who scored eleven points and grabbed nine rebounds in 23 minutes of action. Erick is fast becoming an effective post player, and her size and skill intimidate opposing forwards and centers.

"Holly is our enforcer," said Russell, "and she's a big girl. She's becoming a scoring threat, you don't want to get in her way when she is crashing the boards."

Hamilton head coach Julie Diehl commented, "We did a really nice job on the defensive end and on the boards. Overall the game was fairly close throughout, but we just came out in the second half and put them away."

The next game, against Union, started off in very unspectacular fashion for the Continentals.

Hamilton struggled mightily on the offensive end, with scorers Russell, Chiaputti, and Karen Pogonowski '02 all suffering through shooting slumps.

The Continentals scored only 19 points in the half, and managed to hit only 23 percent of their field goal attempts. They also struggled from the charity stripe when they managed to get there, converting on only two of five attempts.

"We really came out and stunk it up in the first half, our shots weren't falling at all," explained Diehl.

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Point guard Liz Casey (14) goes for the steal against Clarkson in a recent game.

The beginning of the second half was more of the same for the Continentals, as the Union squad looked to put them away for good. With ten minutes to go in the game, Hamilton found itself staring into the face of a 20-point deficit.

At that point, the women could have given up and let Union take the game over with ease. Instead, led by a determined Pogonowski, the Continentals began to battle back.

"In the past we have had problems with giving up late in the game when we're down, but it was good to see us fight back. We had been down by 18 points with under ten minutes to play, but we decided that we could come back," said Russell.

And so the comeback started. Pogonowski drilled three jump shots from beyond the arc, and Chiapputti and Russell both regained their stroke.

The Continentals clamped down on defense, and suddenly found themselves right back in the game. With 18 seconds left to play in the game, the Continentals had pulled to within two points, and they possessed the ball and a chance to tie up the game for the first time since early in the first half.

Diehl drew up a play that would penetrate the heart of the Union defense, and the inbounds went to shooting guard Larissa Hopkins '04.

After receiving the ball at the top of the key, Hopkins used an ankle-breaking crossover dribble to beat her defender. Union sent a second defender to help, and Hopkins moved into the lane for a point-blank layup.

The help defender, however, had other ideas, and put a hard foul on Hopkins which almost knocked her backward onto the floor.

The obvious foul went uncalled, and the resulting air ball was tipped in the air by a Union defender.

An alert Hopkins stayed with the play and managed to come down with the ball. However, as she gained possession of it, she was tackled to the ground by a Union defender in an overly physical play that would have qualified as a foul in a playground game on East 103rd street.

Again, the referee turned a blind eye, and play continued. As she fell, Hopkins was able to make an amazing tip pass to Russell, who had spotted up behind the three-point arc.

Russell, with one shot to win the game for the Continentals, fired a shot that appeared to be headed straight into the cylinder.

However, the ball went halfway down and then proceeded to bounce back out as time expired.

Thus the Continentals were left with a disheartening 51-48 loss after an amazing comeback.

"The refereeing was not very good at the end of the game," commented Diehl. "We really had a very good chance to tie the game up, and the fact that no fouls were called on the final play is absurd."

Hamilton ended its road trip with an uninspired performance against a skilled and well-rested Middlebury team.

In addition, as a NESCAC team, Middlebury boasted a deep, fast and talented roster, which was able to take advantage of the fatigued Continentals, who were battling an assortment of illnesses that have decimated the Hamilton campus.

"We came out and got down by 10 points very quickly, and we just made some bad turnovers and took some wild shots that really hurt us," recounted Diehl.

Russell agreed, saying, "We would have been able to play with them, but we turned the ball over a couple of times when we could have cut into the lead, and that just killed our momentum."

And so Hamilton returns home this weekend having fought hard. Unfortunately, they came up on the short end of a 1-2 road trip.

The Continentals will now take on three straight UCAA opponents at home, with Vassar coming up on Friday, and RPI on Saturday. The Hamilton women will then take on William Smith next Tuesday in their last home game of the season.

RPI meet a walk in the park for Men's and Women's Swimming

by Jared Frank '01
SPORTS WRITER

The men and women's swimming and diving teams finished their dual meet season last Saturday with a meet at Rensselaer.

The men were victorious 138-67, and the women won 124-89.

Along with the win, many team members swam their best times all season.

However, the contest did not begin well for the women's team.

They started off the meet by giving away a first place in the medley relay, one of the team's strongest events.

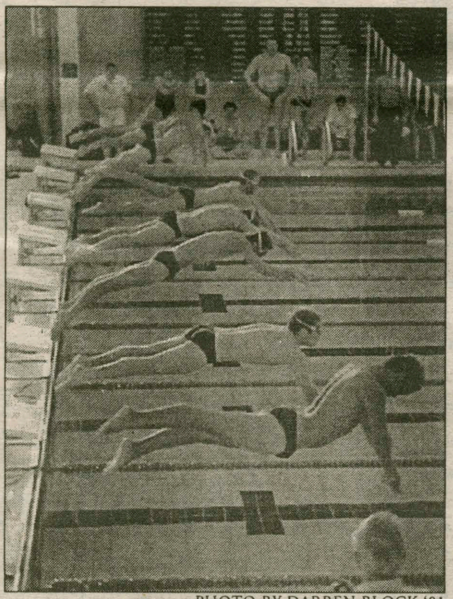

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Men's swimming gets off to a quick start against RPI.

Co-captain Korey O'Malley '01 commented, "The one event we were quite confident about was the medley relay, the first event of the meet. RPI came out strong and surprised us by taking first place away from us, but our team did not shut down; instead, we simply became more focused and more determined to come out with a victory." That determination paid off.

Standout performances for the women's team included Emily Pietropaolo's '01 performance in the 400-yard individual medley.

Her first place finish with a time of 4:44.97 was a provisional qualifying time for the NCAA Championships.

In the one-meter diving competition, O'Malley placed first and local sensation Lindsay Fowler '04 from New Hartford, NY placed second.

In the three meter dive, both O'Malley and Fowler placed in the top two again.

In this event, Fowler took first and O'Malley claimed second.

Liz Lamdin '02 also turned in a season best performance in the three meter dive.

"The domination on the boards by the Hamilton women was especially important this meet, as Hamilton only had a five point lead going into the events," commented O'Malley.

O'Malley praised, "I would just like to say that I am extremely proud of this group of girls. We knew it was going to be a tough meet with some very close races and a competitive situation on the diving boards."

Representing the men's team, Dan Bordoni '01 won the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard freestyle events.

He won the 200 free with a time of 1:44.66 and the 100 in 47.54. Anthony Loeffler '01 won the 50-yard freestyle in a time of 21.81.

Stewart Wright '01 commented, "We swam a good solid meet, we are looking forward to making a significant impact at the NESCACs. This is the time of the season that all of us have been looking forward to. It is what we have worked so hard for."

Pietropaolo added, "I think that both the men's and women's teams are getting psyched to compete at NESCACs. We are beginning our taper this week and fine tuning our work in the pool. We are ready for our hard work all year long to finally pay off!"

"Now we just want to hold on to that spirit and the feeling we had at the end of the meet coming out on top; we want to build on it and take it with us to Connecticut on the 15th when we head to our first ever NESCAC championships," commented O'Malley.

O'Malley added, "I think we're going to do some great things there, and really surprise a lot of the teams at the top who probably aren't expecting the Hamilton women to make much of an impact in our first year in the league."

Both teams will look to dominate in the NESCAC championships.

The women's championships are Feb. 16-18 at Wesleyan.

The men's championship meet is February 23-25 at Bowdoin College.

Sports

Men's Basketball keeps on rolling with five game winning streak and a healthy squad

by Chris Preston '03
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It seems that everything is finally coming together for the Hamilton men's basketball team. Faced with the daunting task of traveling to play UCAA foes Skidmore and Union in back-to-back days last weekend, the Continentals returned to "The Hill" unscathed and suddenly in the midst of a four-game winning streak.

On Friday night against Skidmore, an opponent which they had beaten by 17 points less than two weeks earlier but which boasted the conference's leading scorer in Brian Culkin. The Continentals played brilliantly on both ends of the floor en route to a 84-64 pasting of the Thoroughbreds.

Offensively the team was led by Joe Finley '03, who posted a near double-double with 21 points and nine rebounds, and co-captain point guard Jimmy Driggs '01, who had a double-double with 15 points and eleven assists while masterfully running the Continental offense.

On the defensive end, Driggs also led the way by shutting down Culkin, holding him well below his gaudy average. Beating lowly Skidmore was one thing, but heading into enemy territory at Union the next day was quite another.

Having lost at home to Union earlier in the season, the Continentals knew they were in for a dogfight. However, this time around the team had something they did not have in the previous meeting with Union-its entire starting lineup healthy.

"(The Union game) was just the second time all season all five starters were able to start," said Coach Tom Murphy.

With co-captain Brendan Ferretti '01 at nearly full strength and several players back from illnesses, the fully loaded Hamilton attack gained a measure of revenge in defeating the Dutchmen, 82-73. Again the Continental offense was led by Driggs' brilliant playmaking, as he dished out 13 assists to up his total to 24 in less than 24 hours.

Coach Murphy said that in addition to Driggs' play it was the team's ability to do a "better job on the backboards" than the first meeting that made the ultimate difference in the game.

So, on the strength of two convincing UCAA road wins, the Continentals carried a considerable amount of momentum into their match-up with NESCAC powerhouse Middlebury Tuesday night in Scott Field House.But even be-

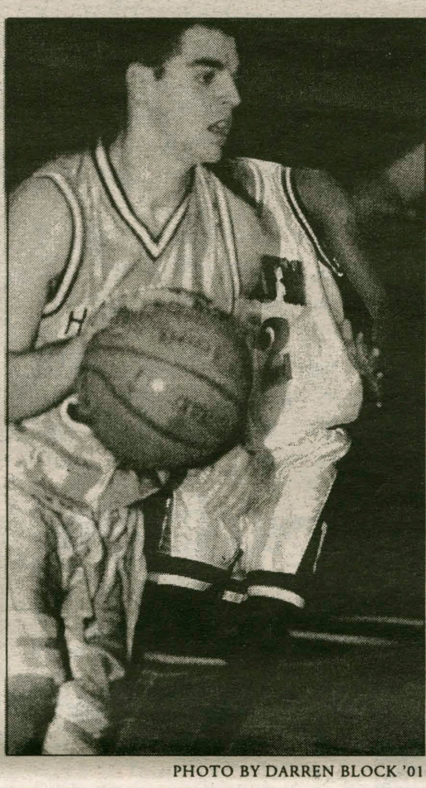

PHOTO BY DARREN BLOCK '01

Forward Joe Finley (54) drives around a Union defender.

fore the game began, the Continentals already received a setback as a flu-stricken Jim McCarthy '01 would be unable to play.

Thus, once again the Continentals would not have their true starting lineup and would need someone to step up in McCarthy's place.That someone was freshman Joe Smith.

"Joe Smith stepped up big time against Middlebury," commented Coach Murphy.

Smith contributed 10 points and made a game-sealing steal with seven seconds left in regulation to ensure the Continentals the hard-fought, two-point victory, 70-68.

Smith's steal capped a frantically paced final two minutes that saw the Continentals lose a 66-60 lead after Middlebury nailed back-to-back three pointers in just over a minute to even the score at 66 apiece.

But, with 24 seconds left on the clock, Hamilton's leading scorer Kris Fudge '01 scored three of his team-high 16 points by making a lay up while getting hacked.

He knocked down the accompanying free throw, giving the Continentals the lead for good before Smith secured the victory with his steal several seconds later.

In addition to Smith's and Fudge's heroics were contributions from Noah Hammond '02, who chipped in 14 points, Ferretti (10 points), and once again Driggs, who had eight assists.

For his efforts last week Driggs was named UCAA Guard of the Week, averaging nearly eleven assists per game in guiding Hamilton to three straight victories. Also, Finley was named UCAA Forward of the Week by averaging 16.6 points and 8.3 rebounds in the Continentals' three wins.

"We had different people contribute in all three games," said Murphy, "but Driggs had an awful good week."

Individual statistics, however, have been secondary to the team's play as of late. Sporting a glossy 13-5 overall record and riding a five-game winning streak, the Continentals must continue to build on the momentum they have created so that it will carry them all the way through the all-important UCAA tournament.

"Momentum is definitely important this time of year," said Murphy. "You want to be playing well going into tournament time because that is when it counts the most. If you play well (in the tournament) you move on (to the NCAA's), if you do not then you put the uniforms away and wait until next season. We've just got to stay healthy, because if we can get our starting lineup all together, we'll be fine."

Lately, though, the Continentals have proved that with or without their entire starting five, they will find a way to win regardless.

Split against Babson, U-Mass Boston for Men's Hockey

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Hamilton came into the past weekend riding the mometum of back-to-back wins, and hoping to sweep ECAC East foes Babson and Umass-Boston on their home ice.

Babson failed to cooperate, however, ousting the Conts 3-1, despite being outshot 29-22.

The following day Hamilton came out and crushed a much weaker Umass-Boston team 7-2, to up their season tally to 9-10-1.

"We came in wanting to hold both teams to three or less goals, and we did that," said Phil Grady. "But against Babson we only scored once, and that's not going to win many games. I'm pleased with our overall effort, I have been all year, but we had a couple breakdowns of team play, and that cost us. We had the same effort against Umass-Boston, but we just battled for all 60 minutes; we played smarter and were more effective."

Babson College, second only to defending national champion Norwich in the ECAC East, came in looking to record its tenth win of the year, but Hamilton had other ideas.

The Continentals came out firing, outshooting Babson 13-5 in the opening frame, and keeping the puck in the Beaver zone for most of the first.

But Hamilton could not take advantage of its scoring opportunities, and it was Babson that struck first on a Bobby Weston goal at the 17:01 mark.

The Beavers took the momentum and carried it into the second, and managed to net two more goals. Hamilton continued to get quality shots, but Babson goaltender Greg Berard played tough, making 28 saves all told.

Rob Gordon '03, who's averaging a team high 1.36 points per game, finally found the back of the net for Hamilton at the 16:36 mark of the third, but it was too little too late, as Babson was victorious 3-1.

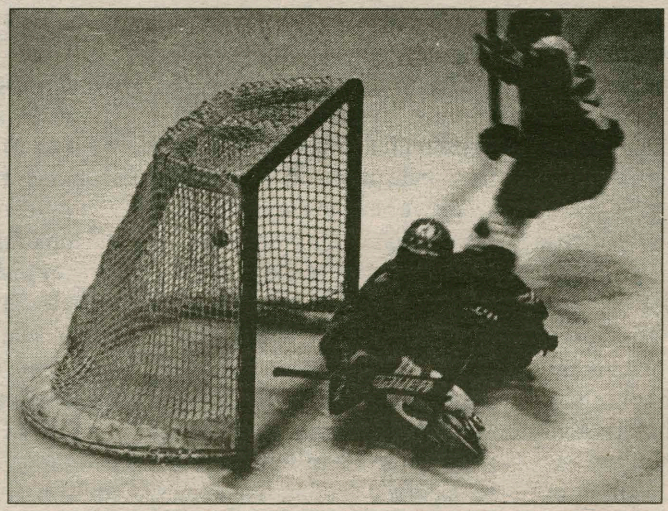

PHOTO BY LINDSAY GRIFFITHS '02

Hamilton's J.P. Acosta (22) beats the goalkeeper to the stick side in a recent game.

In Saturday's match-up with UMass-Boston, Hamilton came out with a vengeance, and played as good a first period as it has all season.

Outshooting the Beacons 28-6 in the first, the Conts blasted three power play goals and added another to take a 4-0 lead into the second.

Jeff Corey '04 was responsible for two of those, with Vic Cizmarik '01 and Mike Engert '03 finishing the others. Hamilton, clearly the better team, dominated at both ends, and got great play from the special teams en route to a 7-2 final.

Others providing offense for the Conts were Sean Smith '01 and Nicolas Potvin '02, each with a goal and an assist, Kevin Audit '03 with a goal, and defenseman Steve Aubuchon '03 with three assists.

"We played well against Babson, but we weren't very disciplined," said Audit. " It was a big game and we knew it, and we came to play, but we didn't put 60 minutes together. On Saturday, we knew we had to redeem ourselves and we were all on the same page and put together a full game. With three league games left, it's good to get something going and maybe carry some momentum."

Hamilton will face off against travel partner Skidmore on Friday in its final regular season contest at Sage this season. On Saturday, the Conts will travel to undefeated and #1 ranked RIT for what may be its toughest test of the year.

With only three league games left to play, Hamilton will need to play all of its opponents tough.

"If we all mentally come to play, we can beat anybody out there, including RIT. We just have to stay focused for three straight periods and just play as a team," said Aubuchon.

Coach Grady added, "We need to play the level of hockey that we can. Everybody is going to have to step up and compete; we've had a lot more depth and strength lately, and that's what we need because we can't rely on any one guy. It has to be a team effort."